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Mr Foot says Lords defy democratic ule over union Bill

Secretary of State for ent, yesterday called on to condemn the Lords allenging "democratic by insisting on Lord s press freedom amend- the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill. He added that the Government intended to reintroduce the Bill next session. Mr Len Murray, TUC general secretary, said that if Tory amendments were forced through it might lead to industrial unrest.

Measure back next session

Mr Foot: 'Will of Commons frustrated.'

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There were repercussions in the House of Lords when Mr Foot's statement was read there.

Lord Carrington, Opposition leader in the Lords, denied that most peers had frustrated the will of the Commons, challenged democratic authority, or prevented the Government from placing the measure on the statute book.

What the Lords had decided, by a large majority, was to exercise the rights given under the Parliament Act, 1949; and the Act prescribed that after a period of time (the suspensory veto) the will of the Commons would prevail.

For the Liberal peers, Lord Byers said the statement was petty-minded. All parties were close to agreement, and there was no reason why further talks should not take place during the short delay before the Bill was re-presented.

He placed on record the Liberals' total unacceptance of Mr Foot's argument that the Lords had frustrated the Commons' will; they had exercised their legitimate powers to uphold a fundamental principle. After all, Mr Foot's government had the support of only 28 per cent of the electorate.

Lord Shepherd, Lord Privy Seal, agreed that the peers had exercised their residual rights under the Parliament Act, but said the decision was still seen as frustrating, and he did not think the House did credit to itself as a revising and legislative Chamber.

He went on to complain about Lord Goodman's disclosures of private talks to reach agreement on amending the Bill. He said that if there were to be further discussions he would wish to see them conducted "in a more formal way than in the past few days".

Then he added: "When I read the leading article and the report of *The Times* newspaper, and we were talking about the freedom of the press, it is about time we started talking about the basis, the confidentiality, and the honesty of reporting."

Mr Foot also showed prickliness about Lord Goodman's speech in the Lords on Tuesday about the private negotiations with the Department of Employment.

"The Government", he said, "has genuinely sought a sensible settlement and I repudiate all Lord Goodman's statements to the contrary. He accused me in the House of Lords of bad faith, and I think on reflection he will wish to withdraw that."

It was a complete misrepresentation to say that the

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Drugs group to repay excess profit of £3.75m

By Malcolm Brown

Hoffman-La Roche, the Swiss-based multinational drugs group which has been engaged in a fierce pricing battle with the British Government for the last 21 years, has agreed to pay back the excess profits it made on the tranquillizers Librium and Valium.

It will repay £3.75m, but in return is being allowed to double the price of Valium and increase the price of Librium by 50 per cent.

The settlement could produce a ripple effect overseas, where other governments have been examining the group's prices.

Roche wanted to much more than double the price of Valium, but it has been agreed that such an increase would be politically unacceptable at the moment.

Whitehall calculates that the amount due for the period January 1, 1970 to April 23, 1973—when the Government imposed its price cuts order on the two drugs—was £12m, including interest.

But Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, explained in the House of Commons yesterday that the Government accepted that since the Monopolies Commission reported in 1973 the price levels ordered had become unduly low. The group was therefore being allowed an offset of £8.25m.

An order revoking the price cuts order is to be laid before the House, and the prices of the two drugs will go up just before Christmas. The normal daily dosage of 30 milligrams of Librium will go up from 1.06p to 1.59p; a 10 milligram dosage of Valium will rise from 0.52p to 1.04p. These are still below the prices in effect at the time of the price cuts order. At that stage — April, 1973 — Librium cost 2.65p and Valium 1.30p.

As part of the deal it has been agreed that Roche will come back into the so-called Voluntary Price Regulation Scheme — Whitehall's price regulation machinery — for all its drugs, and Roche has agreed to withdraw its legal action against the Crown and the Monopolies Commission, together with any allegations of impropriety.

It was being estimated last night that the legal costs of each side would be at least £100,000. It is not clear how much of the Crown's costs Roche will have to bear.

The battle began in April, 1973, when the Monopolies Commission published a highly controversial report accusing the Swiss group of making excess profits out of the National Health Service. The Government then ordered Roche to cut the 1970 price of Librium by 60 per cent and Valium by 75 per cent.

Dr Adolf Jann, president of Hoffman-La Roche, adamantly refused to pay back anything and declared at the first press conference in the company's history: "In paying back I would admit I made immoral profits."

The result was a prolonged series of legal encounters in the British courts.

Princess Anne ill

Princess Anne has been confined to her home, Oak Grove House, Camberley, since the weekend with influenza and has cancelled a visit to the Horse Rangers Association at Hampton Court today.

Dr Andrei Sakharov: a "security risk".

Russia bars Sakharov trip to Oslo

From Edmund Stevens
Moscow, Nov 12

The Soviet authorities have rejected the application of Dr Andrei Sakharov, the dissident nuclear physicist, for permission to visit Oslo next month to collect his Nobel Peace Prize.

Dr Sakharov was summoned today to Ovir, the passport and visa office, and informed of the decision by the officer in charge.

Dr Sakharov was told that the decision had been taken not on political grounds but because he possessed state secrets and his journey would therefore constitute a security risk.

The decision did not come as a surprise to him. In his application he had stipulated that he would go only if given an assurance that he would be allowed to return home. A few days later Mr Victor Louis, a Soviet journalist, predicted that permission would be denied on security grounds.

Usually, people engaged in classified work are allowed to go abroad after a five-year cooling off period. Dr Sakharov lost his security clearance in 1968 after signing various protest letters. But according to Mr Louis, it was difficult to set a time limit for a man with the scientific knowledge of Dr Sakharov.

Dr Sakharov told the passport office: "I consider the denial offensive both to me, and to the Nobel committee, a flagrant violation of the principles set forth in the Helsinki declaration which calls for freedom of movement of people and ideas."

Dr Sakharov told reporters that he was not planning to file a formal appeal against the decision as it obviously emanated from the highest authorities who consider it a closed question. He would call instead upon "international public opinion to reverse this decision".

There is a possibility he may decide that his wife who is in Italy where she underwent an eye operation, should travel to Oslo to collect the prize as his proxy.

By an odd coincidence news was also broken yesterday that the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet had stripped Mr Vladimir Maximov, the dissident writer, of Soviet citizenship.

The decree on Mr Maximov, dated retroactively January, 1975, was published in the issue of the Supreme Soviet bulletin of October 29 which reached subscribers only today.

The decree said that Mr Maximov "systematically commits acts that damage the prestige of the Soviet Union and are incompatible with the status of Soviet citizenship".

Mr Maximov left the Soviet Union in March, 1974. He has done considerable writing since, critical of the Soviet regime.

Florence, Nov 12.—Dr Sakharov's wife Yelena said today that the ground given by the Soviet authorities for refusing her husband an exit visa—that he knew state secrets—was just a pretext.

She told reporters: "He has not had any contact with state secrets since 1968, whereas several other scientists who are still engaged in secret research but are politically inoffensive to the Government travel abroad very often."—Reuter.

Stockholm, Nov 12.—Senior officials of the Soviet Academy of Sciences are sounding out the possibility of expelling Dr Sakharov and Professor Benjamin Levitch, the Jewish scientist, from the Academy, Mr Alexander Levitch, the professor's son, said in Stockholm today.—Reuter.

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10 hurt by bomb at a Mayfair restaurant

By Craig Seton

Ten people were injured when a bomb exploded without warning in the oyster bar beside Scott's Restaurant in Mount Street, Mayfair, London, last night. The incident occurred opposite the Trattoria Fiori restaurant, which was wrecked by a bomb two weeks ago, when 18 people were hurt.

First reports last night indicated that the bomb had been thrown through a window of the well known establishment. Windows were blown out and there was a small fire. Glass was widely scattered and cars parked outside were damaged.

The injured were taken to St George's Hospital at Hyde Park Corner which has set up an emergency procedure for people injured in bomb blasts in the district.

Mr Peter Dunne, a photographer who was near by when the bomb went off at about 9.45, said it did not seem to be large but the fire that followed and a strong smell of paraffin indicated that it might have been a fire bomb. London Fire Brigade sent four appliances to the scene and the fire was quickly extinguished.

The oyster bar was crowded at the time of the explosion. A waiter said: "Dinner was being served to a large number of people, including many titled customers, when there was a loud bang. Glass showered in over the customers, but none appeared to be seriously hurt."

A local resident, who did not wish to be named, said: "It looked as if somebody lobbed the bomb through the window. There was a car in front, but it did not explode."

He said he had also heard the explosion at the Trattoria Fiori, but last night's bomb seemed smaller.

Maestro Silvio Varviso, a Swiss conductor who is music director of the Stuttgart Opera House, was in the restaurant with his wife when the bomb exploded. He said: "I knew it was a bomb and my wife and I threw ourselves to the floor. There was a big bang and a lot of smoke. Outside there was a fire."

He went on: "It was crowded and other people fell to the floor but they were calm. We all got out through a cellar under the direction of the waiters."

Australian caretaker Cabinet formed as protests continue

From Douglas Aiton
Melbourne, Nov 12

Amid disturbances throughout the country today, the caretaker Prime Minister, Mr Malcolm Fraser, confirmed that the Australian general election will be held on Saturday, December 13. The caretaker ministry was sworn in this afternoon at Government House while protest demonstrations over the dismissal of Mr Gough Whitlam's Labour Government took place in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Canberra.

In Melbourne, the Liberal Premier of Victoria, Mr Rupert Hamer, called for calm as some unions planned stoppages and rallies and a crowd of several hundred held a sit-down protest in the middle of the city.

In Sydney, striking maritime, engineering and building workers smashed through a line of police to enter the Sydney stock exchange. Police reinforcements were called to deal with them.

In Brisbane, 2,000 trade unionists gathered outside the Liberal Party headquarters booing and chanting for several minutes before marching to a protest meeting. In Canberra, a crowd of about 2,500 chanted outside Parliament House: "We want Gough."

At Government House the Cabinet sworn in by Sir John Kerr, the Governor-General, was as follows:

Prime Minister: Malcolm Fraser (Liberal).
Overseas Trade, Minerals and Energy: Douglas Anthony (National Country Party).
Treasurer: Phillip Lynch (Liberal).
Agriculture and Northern Australia: Ian Sinclair (National Country).
Special Minister of State, Minister for the Capital Territory, Media, Tourism and Recreation: Senator Reg Withers (Liberal).
Attorney-General, Police and Customs: Senator Ivor Greenwood (Liberal).
Manufacturing, Industry, Science and Consumer Affairs: Senator Robert Cotter.
Transport and Postmaster-General: Peter Nixon.
Foreign Affairs and Environment: Andrew Peacock.
Social Security, Health, Repatriation and Compensation: Don Chipp.
Defence: Jim Killen.
Aboriginal Affairs; Administrative Services: Senator Tom Drake-Brockman.
Housing and Construction, Urban Regional Development: Senator John Carrick.
Labour and Immigration: Tony Street.
Education: Senator Margaret Guilfoyle.

Meanwhile, Mr Whitlam told a Labour rally that yesterday's events concerning his own dismissal by Sir John Kerr involved Mr Fraser being told to conceal his car at Government House so that Mr Whitlam would not see it.

Mr Whitlam addressing a Canberra rally yesterday.

He said that the Governor-General had seen Mr Fraser 10 minutes before he was dismissed. "I make no allegations, but we can all form inferences", Mr Whitlam said. Later the Governor-General denied through his secretary that there had been any deal to dismiss Mr Whitlam and appoint Mr Fraser as Prime Minister.

Leaders of the new Government, including Mr Fraser, alleged that the Australian Broadcasting Commission on both radio and television had shown a bias towards Labour. It was suggested that this would be rectified during the election campaign.

Yesterday's share boom which started after the announcement that Mr Whitlam had been dismissed proved today to be short lived, with prices falling on the Melbourne stock exchange. Selling orders, including many from overseas, forced prices down and by midday the Melbourne 50 leaders index had lost half of the percentage gain made yesterday.

Despite a plea yesterday by Mr Robert Hawke, the union's leader and Labour Party Secretary, for calm, the country's most powerful union, the Amalgamated Metal Workers, is expected to call on its 200,000 members to strike over Mr Whitlam's dismissal. More than 400,000 workers in Victoria will be asked to stop work on Friday for four hours in defiance of Mr Hawke's appeal.

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UC hints at union disruption

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ot said that most of Lords with Conservatives in were trying to force on to the statute book amendments to the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, 1974.

"This could create the same sort of industrial disturbances as were caused in 1972 and 1973 by the Conservative Government's Industrial Relations Act", he said. "Their lordships say their aim is to protect the freedom of the press. But in fact they speak as the agents of the handful of people who control the vast bulk of our newspapers and dictate their policies."

The TUC's attitude was clear. It wanted to see conditions created in which the people "can choose from a wide range of newspapers, reflecting the widest possible range of points of view, not just those published by a small band of self-appointed oligarchs".

The statement argues: "The real intention behind this move is to build a foundation for restoring as soon as may be the essential features of the disastrous 1971 Industrial Relations Act.

"So once again the in-built Conservative majority in the House of Lords asserts that the Conservative Party shall at all times be the governing party of this country. This in spite of the fact that this issue was in the forefront of the February, 1974, general election, and that the people of Great Britain made their views on the matter known in no uncertain manner."

It ended: "We look to the Government to use the Parliament Act to ensure that the express will of the electorate shall prevail."

Shore teams alerted as dispersal ships tackle 3,000-ton oil slick

By Michael Horsnell

Coastguards in the Strait of Dover reported last night that a 25-knot wind, still freshening, was threatening to sweep an oil slick ashore between Folkestone and Deal. Kent pollution teams were on full alert.

Fears of widespread pollution arose after a mid-Channel collision earlier in thick fog between HMS Achilles, a Royal Navy frigate, and the Olympic Alliance, a 216,500-ton Liberian tanker.

Naval and Department of Trade vessels equipped for oil dispersal quickly tackled a 3,000-ton slick, measuring two miles by one mile, but the department said shore pollution might occur if the south-easterly wind strengthened.

A Ministry of Defence inquiry will be held. A vital radar "film" taken by coastguards at Dover will be studied by the Department of Trade today. It shows that at the time of the collision, 13 miles south-east of Dover, near the Varne lightship, two other unidentified vessels were ignoring the strict lane discipline of the world's most congested sea route.

The call that coastguards have feared for years, reporting a supertanker in collision in the narrow strait, arrived at 1.30 am, with the tanker's radio message to St Margaret's Bay coastguards.

They immediately alerted the French maritime headquarters at Gris Nez.

The tanker was hit amidships and the oil escaped from a gaping hole. The Achilles, with more than 260 men on board, suffered buckling along 14ft of her port bow.

When she arrived at Portsmouth last night with her bows flattened, a junior seaman was flown to hospital with minor head injuries. Three others walked off the ship into a waiting ambulance.

The Olympic Alliance, under charter to British Petroleum, was on her way from the Persian Gulf to Wilhelmshaven.

Mr Nigel Neilson, of the Onassis fleet, told me: "She is proceeding slowly to Wilhelmshaven. We believe she was in the right channel

Street threat spreads as 'Express' talks adjourn

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Publication of London editions was halted again last night when workers involved in the dispute went home.

After nearly three hours Mr William McLoughlin, London divisional organiser of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, said late last night that fresh talks between the union and the employers' side led by Lord Goodman would take place in the light of private exchanges.

The union is insisting that all notices issued to *Daily Express* engineering workers must be withdrawn before serious negotiations about continuing publication can take place.

Whatever the outcome of this morning's talks with the publishers, engineering workers will hold a mass meeting in the afternoon at which "sympathetic action" in support of those dismissed by the *Daily Express* will be discussed.

Mr McLoughlin said last night: "We are not engaged in the merits and demerits of what has been alleged by the Express management. We are concerned that our members have been dismissed in the course of an industrial dispute, and want those notices withdrawn.

He declined to talk about the management's allegations of the removal of key parts of printing press equipment on Tuesday night.

The dispute, which centres on a pay claim, has been going on for 26 days. Last night the NPA said the union's members had made a claim which the management believed would exceed the £6 pay limit, a belief "confirmed by the Department of Employment".

The NPA statement said the engineering workers had "deliberately interfered with machinery" and removed "vital and valuable parts".

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MPs' wealth tax committee fails to report

By Our Political Staff

The select committee on the wealth tax is understood to have failed to produce a report because the government side did not provide a majority when a vote was taken.

Two Labour backbenchers, Dr Jeremy Bray (Motherwell and Wishaw) and Dr Colin Phipps (Dudley, West), were absent with permission on a delegation when the combined votes of Conservatives and the one Liberal on the committee, Mr John Pardoe (Cornwall, North), defeated the draft report of Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea, North), the Labour chairman.

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Quarantine for captive birds

Parrots and other imported captive birds will soon have to stay in quarantine for 35 days, Mr Strang, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said yesterday. The regulation is expected to come into force on March 1.

Franco relapse

Madrid, Nov 12.—General Franco's condition became critical again today after a very uncomfortable night. Internal bleeding and lung troubles developed and his heartbeat was irregular, his doctors announced.

Giant jet on fire

New York, Nov 12.—A giant DC10 airliner of Overseas National Airways burst into flames on take-off at Kennedy airport today. The pilot managed to halt the aircraft on the runway and all 139 people on board were taken off.

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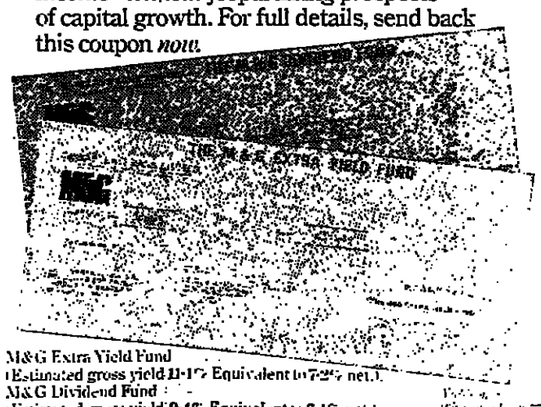

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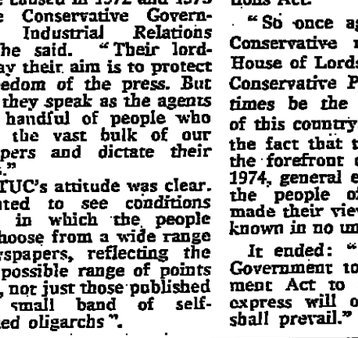

One of a pair of Louis XV jardinières and stands made by Thomas Germain which broke all auction records for antique silver at Christie's sale in Geneva on Tuesday. The price is equivalent to £414,545 Sale room, page 8

Lords pass Land Bill

The House of Lords gave a quiet passage last night to the Community Land Bill, although the Bishop of London rebuked the Government

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Zionism vote talks

A conference of 100 world Jewish leaders has been called in Jerusalem to discuss the United Nations vote on Zionism

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Ceasefire centres in Ulster closed

The Government's incident centres set up to monitor the Provisional IRA's ceasefire in Northern Ireland and to prevent accidental breaches were shut yesterday by Mr Rees, Secretary of State. But Provisional Sinn Fein said that although the truce was shaky it intended to keep open its own incident centres

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Mr Rees shuts Ulster incident centres as IRA violence goes on

From Stewart Tendler
Belfast

The Government incident centres set up in February in Northern Ireland to monitor the Provisional IRA's ceasefire and to prevent accidental breaches of the truce were closed yesterday by Mr Rees, Secretary of State.

The move does not represent an end to the ceasefire, which Stormont Castle maintains is a decision for the Provisional IRA, but is a further indication of the sour atmosphere surrounding it.

The centres, in Belfast, Dungannon, Newry, Londonderry, Armagh, and Enniskillen, were each manned by a civil servant in direct contact with a central office called "Ramparts" at Stormont Castle. That office which was manned by a senior civil servant and an army officer, was also closed yesterday but it is understood that channels of communication still exist between the Provisionals and the Government.

Officially the centres have closed because their value has diminished. But the Government was not happy at the way the Provisionals used them to claim responsibility for their acts.

The ceasefire is now at the level where talks between the two sides have not been held for several weeks. In a sense Mr Rees's announcement is an admission that much of the momentum of the ceasefire has been lost. But he still seems intent on ending internment, and a few hours before he announced the closure he released 20 internees from the Maze prison, leaving 123 who seem likely to be freed by Christmas.

Provisional Sinn Fein said later that its incident centres would remain open although several have been shut recently. Mr Seamus Loughran, Northern organizer, said: "The ceasefire is not looking too good. It has been on shaky ground for a very long time and this certainly will not consolidate it." He added that the government centres had not proved useful recently.

The Rev William Arlow, who helped to engineer the ceasefire, said it was shaky. He felt it was necessary for the Government and Provisional Sinn Fein to review the situation.

Loyalists welcomed the closures and the official Unionist Party and the Vanguard Unionist Party hoped that the Government would now adopt a tougher attitude towards the IRA.

A few hours after the centres had closed another man died in Belfast in the feud between the Provisionals and the official IRA. The death of Mr Michael Dugan, aged 25, brings the number killed in the feud since it began on October 28 to 11.

The security forces estimate that the Provisionals have had two men killed and 14 wounded while the official IRA has had seven men killed and 41 wounded. A girl, aged six, was also murdered.

Mr Dugan, chairman of the Falls Taxi Owners' Association, which organizes a taxi service in the Roman Catholic area, was killed in a billiard hall in Hawthorne Street.

Mr Gerry Maloney, aged 34, who was with him at the time, was wounded in the groin.

Mr Dugan's death took the number of people killed in the past two days to six. Early yesterday the body of Mr John Swindle, aged 18, was found in a road in the Old Park area.

SDLP move: The SDLP wants the "loyalist" majority report from Northern Ireland's Convention which rules out power-sharing at ministerial level to be returned by Westminster with instructions to think again (a Staff Reporter writes).

Mr Paddy Devlin and Mr John Hume, two prominent members, said in London yesterday that the party wanted the Government to reject the report by the United Ulster Unionist Coalition.

Mr Devlin said: "it is fairly clear that we could then work at something entirely new for the future government of Northern Ireland."

He calculates that there are 11 among the loyalist Convention majority who are sufficiently affected by the conversion of Mr William Craig, the Vanguard Unionist leader, to some form of temporary power-sharing to consider realignment.

Surcharges on 66% of all imports demanded

By Martin Huckerby
Political Staff

Mr Ronald Hayward, general secretary of the Labour Party, made clear yesterday that he did not think the Chancellor of the Exchequer had gone far enough with his pledge on Tuesday night that the Government was prepared to use short-term selective import controls.

Speaking in Leicester, he demanded a much more comprehensive system of import controls, involving surcharges on perhaps two-thirds of all the manufactured and semi-manufactured goods imported into Britain.

He welcomed Mr Healey's statement on the use of selective controls where it could be shown that they could rescue a viable industry. But he added: "It will be no good imposing import controls on just a few products. We have got to do it properly and go for a massive improvement in our balance of trade. Anything else is a waste of time and effort."

Mr Hayward believed that the Government should aim at an improvement of at least £1,500m a year on the balance of payments by the middle of next year, giving a saving of more than 300,000 jobs by next winter. That would be achieved by a 15 per cent surcharge applied to two-thirds of manufactured and semi-manufactured imports, about 34 per cent of all imports.

He refused to accept the argument that such controls would invite retaliation.

He added that the number of unemployed was a disgrace. "If we leave it much longer before strong action is taken, then we shall face unemployment of more than a million for months ahead."

The starting point of the new strategy should be to pump more spending power into the economy. "A really massive boost is needed."

Options were limited and if the Government just cut taxes and started a boom in consumer spending the import bill would mount and public accounts would be put further in the red. The answer, he suggested, was to cut the deficit on the balance of trade.

Dr Coggan welcomes controversy over call

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, said yesterday that he welcomed the controversy that followed his call to the nation last month. It was, he told the General Synod of the Church of England, far too early to assess with any accuracy the response the call had produced.

"A certain amount of controversy has been engendered, and that is all to the good, for one of the prime reasons for the call was to open up a debate on matters of concern", he said. "The real search for the right answers, not to say the right questions, has been initiated."

Dr Coggan, giving his presidential address, said certain common factors had appeared from the 24,000 letters he had received at Lambeth Palace during the last four weeks. "There is", he went on, "a deep longing on the part of a great section of our population —churchgoers, lapsed Christians, and others—for a healthier society than that which we now possess. There are repeated pleas for more direct teaching and for greater relevance in preaching on the part of church leaders.

"There is genuine concern over what appears to many to be the church's 'worldliness' as shown, for example, in obsession over money, salary scales, episcopal and clergy housing, etc. There is encouragement for the church's continuing entry into the socio-political arena, provided that that entry is seen not to be aligned with any one sector of society and not to be to the detriment of the church's primary task of worship and Christian proclamation, but rather as an outcome of it. In such methods as these I hear the cry, the longing, of the great number of thoughtful people in Britain today."

Dr Coggan, speaking of the need for more ordained ministers, said a young man who was considering whether to offer himself for ordination would be worried that he would have to give a large part of his time to the maintenance of buildings. He would also be worried whether the church could afford to pay him.

The General Synod should consider how to speed the disposal of unnecessary buildings, and should also promise candidates for ordination that they could expect to be paid "a decent but sacrificial wage."

'Izvestia' writer takes 'The Times' to task

By Gabriel Ronay

The Soviet Government newspaper *Izvestia* has joined the debate started by the Bishop of Southwark's criticism of the Archbishop of Canterbury with an attack on *The Times* accusing it of carrying a leading article aimed at setting the hounds on Dr Stockwood.

Mr M. Andreyev, an *Izvestia* commentator, says that had Dr Stockwood's views in the *Morning Star* been written by an ordinary worker, farm labourer or a clerk the big Fleet Street newspapers would not have batted an eyelid. But because the remark "I have no intention in shoring up a society which, because of its basic injustices, is at last crumbling in ruins", came from the Bishop of Southwark the British press was indignant.

In a letter to *The Times*, Mr Andreyev added, a Conservative MP labelled Dr Stockwood the "red bishop". "And *The Times*, which has been cultivating the image of an imperturbable, serious newspaper, swallowed its restraint, without choking, and carried a leading article which could, to judge both by its tone and the underlying thought, be entitled "Tally-ho, get him".

"But even in this article *The Times* could not do without the key word of its vocabulary—'tolerance'. *The Times* is perfectly ready to judge 'tolerantly', and go on doing so for decades, the 'many evils of Western society'.

"However, the newspaper is quite intolerant towards those who call for an end of the tolerance towards these evils and want to change society to achieve this. It becomes even more intolerant when such calls come from among the church hierarchy, that is, from people on whose unconditional and automatic support *The Times* has been counting.

"To sum it up briefly, *The Times* is not prepared to tolerate such freedom of the written word."

Stealing is common among boys book says

By a Staff Reporter

Stealing is widespread amo school-age boys in London, cording to a book, publish yesterday, on the causal facto of juvenile theft. It was writt by Dr William Belson, of t Survey Research Centre at t London School of Economic

Dr Belson based his findin on interviews of a random sa ple of 1,425 boys, aged betwe 13 and 16, living in inner L don. The field work was carri out over a 12-month period 1967-68.

The study took six years complete and was the ma part of wider investigations c ried out by the Survey Resear Centre under the direction Dr Belson and financed by t Home Office. The total cost £110,000.

Dr Belson's original repo which is similar to his nex published book, was submitt to the Home Office in 1973. T report received no publicity the time, the Home Office s yesterday, because it ne publishes the findings of ternal research it has support

But there is believed to another reason for the sile that greeted the report. Whi hall was not impressed by Belson's findings. It was lieved that much of what presented as new evidence w already well known or comm sense.

All the 1,425 boys in t study admitted at least so stealing, the book says.

The categories of theft cluded: keeping somethi found by chance; travelling public transport without payi the full fare; taking junk wit out first having asked for i taking something for a dare for fun.

In four cases out of 10 t value of the goods or mon involved was less than 1s (at 1967-68 values).

The boys interviewed we offered inducements, such as £1 fee and the choice of a p record. Each boy was fetch from his home and taken to centre in central London whe he was given a meal.

Juvenile Theft, the Causal Facto (By William Belson; Harper a Row, £15).

Land Bill passed quietly by Lords

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

After stirring up a hornets' nest over the press freedom amendments to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill the House of Lords was in no mood yesterday to give the same treatment to the Community Land Bill, which will enable local authorities to acquire all land suitable for development.

Only a few hours earlier MPs in the Commons had been giving a rough ride to the Lords' amendments during an all-night sitting. But it was soon clear that, although forcing the Government into the last ditch with only a few hours to spare before the end of the parliamentary session, peers were not prepared to insist on their changes, and the Bill went quietly on its way to the statute book.

Even so there were strong words from some of their lordships. The Government was given a stern rebuke from the Bishop of London, Dr Ellison, over its treatment of his proposal seeking to remove churches and charities from the provisions of the Bill.

In spite of a plea from the Lord Chancellor that the Government had sought to give extensive protection to land owned by churches and charities, Dr Ellison said that a great opportunity had been lost to gain the support and confidence of the charities. The Government had left a legacy of dismay, disgruntlement and fear for the future.

The Lord Chancellor pleaded in vain that in most cases charities would be able to continue their activities as before because land was not a factor in their operations or, if it was, it did not follow that that land would be required for development.

Dr Ellison said he had not been asking for privileges under the Bill. His amendment had had the fullest all-party support in the Lords and was not a wrecking amendment.

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Publishers' statement on 'Express' dispute

The Newspaper Publishers Association said last night in a statement on the *Daily Express* dispute:

"A dispute arose between Beaverbrook Newspapers and its Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers members on October 15 in connexion with a claim which the management believe could be in excess of the maximum sum payable under the terms of the anti-inflation policy.

"That belief was consequently confirmed by the Department of Employment.

"The dispute was referred to the standard joint disputes procedure under the existing agreement of employment and has been the subject of three hearings.

"The matter remains undetermined and its was agreed by the disputes committee at its meeting yesterday [Tuesday] afternoon that it should be referred to a referee. It was also agreed that before this procedure should operate the services of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service should be sought to see if an early solution could be found.

"The disputes committee, as its final and firm recommendation, directed that no hostile action should be taken by either side.

"Early yesterday evening AUEW members ceased working, held an informal and unauthorized meeting, and refused to say when the meeting would terminate or whether they would resume work. They deliberately interfered with machinery, including the removal of viral and valuable parts, rendering it impossible for any production to take place.

"Efforts were made to communicate with divisional and national officers of the union. Contact was not made until today. After fair and adequate warning of the consequences of further disruption and refusal to work according to contract, Beaverbrook management informed the engineers concerned that their actions constituted repudiation of their contracts and their employment was regarded as terminated with effect from 8.30 last night.

"During the course of today several of the former employees returned to the premises and engaged in additional acts of disruption. In spite of frequent and continuous efforts from the commencement of disruption until now it has not been possible to arrange a meeting with officials of the AUEW, but it remains the hope that this may still be possible during the course of this evening.

"The NPA council met to consider the matter at 4.30 pm today and remains available for a meeting at any time; communication from the union is awaited."

Plea for ban on legal aid rejected

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Silkin, the Attorney General, yesterday rejected in a Commons written reply a request by Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, that he should propose a ban on all legal representation before tribunals until legal aid is made available to applicants who cannot afford to be represented by a lawyer.

The Law Society, in a statement issued yesterday, objected to the manner in which complaints against solicitors in criminal legal aid cases are being made.

That follows allegations of malpractice and abuse of the criminal legal aid system by certain lawyers, together with detailed case histories, contained in a dossier, compiled by the Police Superintendents' Association and submitted by them to Sir Bernard Braine, Conservative MP for Essex, South-east, on Monday. Sir Bernard said he would be tabling "some probing questions" to the Attorney General.

Mr J. Bowron, the secretary-general of the Law Society, said accusations were made of solicitors manufacturing alibis, concocting defences and abusing the legal aid fund. If the police who made most of the allegations, had evidence, they should prosecute. If they felt unable to do so they should report the facts to the Law Society or stay silent.

Reprimanded dentist to enter appeal

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Blair Allison, a Birmin ham solicitor, said yesterd that he had been instructed t appeal to the Department Health and Social Security o behalf of Mr F. R. Houareau, dentist who has been repri manded eight times in the pas two and a half years for unsa tisfactory treatment. M Houareau's name emerged ye terday although health servi officials had repeatedly decli ed to give it, saying it cou do disproportionate damage

Mr Houareau, aged 48, pri tises at Bristol Road, Nort field, Birmingham, and awaiting confirmation by t department that a further £3 should be withheld from h salary. That relates to a sim case, which has been inve igated but not yet prom gated. He has already had £5 withheld for his past mistak and has been reprimanded f breaches of his Nation Health Service contract rel ing to unsatisfactory treatmen

His wife, Mrs Ma Houareau, said her husban past difficulties had aris from his need for glasses. H had recently had new ones. S said he had between 2,000 a 3,000 health service patie and she thought his earnin were about half the average f a dentist in Birmingham, whi is £8,400 a year.

Lords 'thwarting people's will'

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Government withdrew a compromise offer at virtually the last minute on Tuesday: "There was a good deal of discussion about alternatives, but in the end Lord Goodman rejected the Government's preferred version."

Mr Ronald Hayward, general secretary of the Labour Party, entered the fray as an interpreter of the constitution when he spoke in Leicester last night.

As he saw it, the House of Lords was seeking by recent actions "to thwart the will of the people as expressed by the democratically elected MPs". He asked the Labour Party to accept that challenge.

"Let the Government," he urged, "enact legislation to cut drastically the length of time the House of Lords can hold up legislation, and to ensure that only life peers are allowed to vote on all issues before the House of Lords."

He continued: "That would be a fairer and more democratic way of running the second Chamber. The Prime Minister of the day would then have the opportunity of recommending sufficient supporters of his party to maintain a majority in the House of Lords.

"Life peers would be expected to attend the House and carry out the duties for which they had been appointed. Old Father Time would take care of the numbers, for their peerages would die with them."

Mr Wilson and Labour ministers will be less ready than Mr Hayward and left-wing backbenchers to rush into impetuous schemes for the abolition or reform of the House of Lords. Whatever the popular response to the abolition of the second Chamber might be, all Administrations know that the second House is indispensable for carrying through and revising the large weight of contemporary legislation. If a second House did not exist, it would have to be invented. Abolition has therefore never been seriously considered by Labour leaders since 1945.

Any fundamental attack on the second Chamber as in Labour's ill-fated plan of 1968, to alter the composition of the Lords to reduce or remove hereditary peers sooner or later turns to the reform of powers.

Labour governments have learnt that it is better to live with the gentlemen's agreement between the two Houses that has existed since the Parliament Act, 1911, than to draft a new statement of second Chamber powers that might be punctiliously exerted.

And in 1968 there were some Labour backbenchers, as well as Conservative, who saw quite as many objections to a House composed of life peers nominated by Prime Ministerial patronage as to a House in which hereditary and life peers, day by day, were broadly balanced.

Labour backbenchers' bluster about the House of Lords and its future need not therefore be taken seriously in the immediate aftermath of the insistence on the Goodman amendments and the invocation of the Lords suspensory veto over part of a government Bill.

After all, Mr Foot has not lost his Bill. He can get it before Easter if government managers know their job.

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New exam proposed for less able pupils

By a Staff Reporter

A new national examination for less able pupils who stay on at school for only a year beyond the minimum leaving age should be introduced as soon as possible, the Schools Council has been told by its joint examinations subcommittee.

The examination would be known as the Certificate of Education: Extended (CEE). Several regional examining boards for the Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE) have been offering experimental versions for sixth-formers to small groups of pupils.

The subcommittee recommends that the CEE should be designed primarily to meet the needs of less able pupils who have obtained a grade 2 to 4 pass in CSE (or a D or E grade in the Ordinary level of the General Certificate of Education) and for pupils who intend to spend only one year in the sixth form.

Its report points out that most candidates in the experimental CEE examinations were also studying for GCE A levels, so were not the "new sixth-formers" for whom the new examination is intended.

It continues: "Schemes which are designed for traditional sixth-formers studying two or more A levels would distort the whole examination and tend to put the highest grades out of reach of those for whom the examination is primarily designed." The subcommittee believes that CEE courses should be designed for a clearly defined group excluding more academic pupils.

On that point the subcommittee disagrees with the Schools Council itself, which has favoured a more flexible approach to the pupils at whom the CEE should be aimed, and the regional examining boards that have run experimental CEE schemes.

The Standing Conference on University Entrance will broadly agree with the argument that A levels and the new GEE should be kept distinct, but the Standing Conference of CSE Boards and the National Union of Teachers' education committee would prefer some overlap in the ability of pupils taking part.

CEE: Proposals for a New Examination. (£1.50, or by post from Methuen Educational Ltd, North Way, Andover, Hampshire, £1.65.)

COUNTRY LIFE
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The Mixed World of Paddington Green
Stella Margetson looks at the history of one of London's villages, where Hogarth married and Emma Hamilton spent her early years.

London as It Might Have Been
Marcus Binney writes about an exhibition, at Guildhall Art Gallery, of four centuries of unexecuted architectural designs.

From Squirrels to Sparrowhawks
John F. Burton examines the rich variety of wild life in Greenwich Park.

The Making of Ladbroke Grove
James Stevens Curl describes the planning and building of Ladbroke Grove and the surrounding area.

100 Years of Ally Pally
Ellis Hillman recalls the many uses, from race track to television centre, that have marked Alexandra Palace's history.

On sale now, 35 pence

Railway chief defends holiday closure

Mr Richard Marsh, chairman of British Rail, defended yesterday the decision to suspend rail services on Boxing Day. He said it would bring the railways a net saving of £130,000. "We have to cut out hopelessly uneconomic activities", he told a Transport for Society conference at Brighton.

Only about 55,000 people might have been expected to travel by train on December 26. Staff working on Boxing Day would have been paid one and a half times the normal rate and be given an extra day's leave.

When people said that British Rail should reduce its demands on the public purse "I do not complain, but we cannot make significant savings by cutting back on the amount of carbon paper used by typists."

Father of fire death boy is criticized

Electricity was justifiably cut off at a home where a boy aged three died in a fire caused by a candle, Mr Edward Ray, the North Buckinghamshire and Buckingham District Coroner, said yesterday at an inquest at Bletchley on the boy, Jason Walsh. He recorded a verdict of accidental death.

The coroner told the boy's father, Mr Alan Walsh, aged 23, a car worker: "You cannot expect to be supplied with electricity for nothing."

The inquest was told that the boy suffocated in smoke when an armchair in his parents' bedroom, where he slept, caught fire after his father had left a lighted candle in a tin saucer on it.

The coroner told Mr Walsh: "It was asking for trouble."

Plan to rebuild Nypro plant meets approval

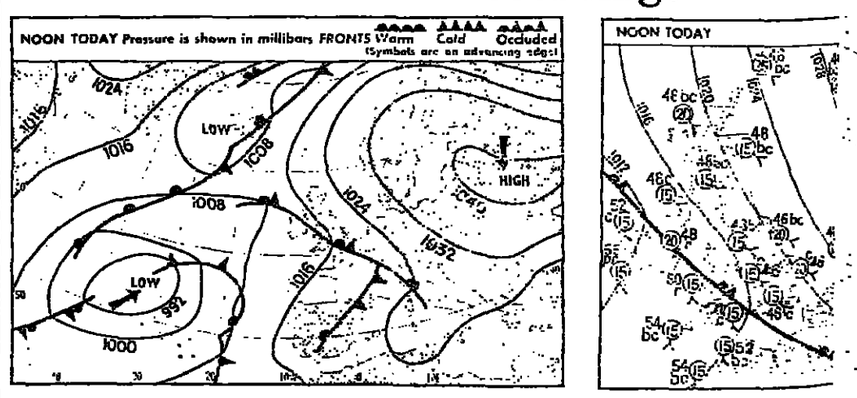
The plan to rebuild the Nypro Chemical plant at Flixborough, where 28 people died in an explosion 18 months ago, was approved by the Factory Inspectorate at an inquiry at Scunthorpe yesterday.

The inspectorate said there was no reason why the planning authorities should object to the proposals.

The proposed plant's basic features were orthodox and no reason could be found to expect such conditions as led to last year's disaster, the inspectors said.

The inquiry continues today.

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

Sun rises: 7.14 am. Sun sets: 4.15 pm
Moon sets: 1.25 am. Moon rises: 1.50 pm
Full Moon: November 18.
Lighting up: 4.45 pm to 6.46 am.
High water: London Bridge, 8.53 am, 5.9m (19.3ft); 9.49 pm, 6.1m (20.1ft). Avonmouth, 2.16 am, 9.7m (31.7ft); 2.56 pm, 10.1m (33.0ft). Dover, 6.35 am, 5.4m (17.8ft); 7.20 pm, 5.4m (17.8ft). Hull, 12.59 am, 5.7m (18.7ft); 2.7 pm, 5.7m (18.8ft). Liverpool, 7.9 am, 7.2m (23.7ft); 7.28 pm, 7.6m (24.9ft).

A ridge of high pressure will persist over N districts but a trough of low pressure will affect some S and W areas.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight

London, SE England, Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Cloudy; perhaps rain in places later; wind E, moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Central S England, N Wales, Isle of Man, N Ireland: Cloudy, probably rain in places later; wind E, moderate; max temp 10°C (50°F).

East Anglia, Midlands, E, NW, Central N, NE England, Lake District: Patchy fog clearing, sunny intervals; wind E, moderate; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow: Fog patches clearing, sunny intervals; wind E, light; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Borders, SW, NW, Scotland, Central Highlands, Argyll: Sunny intervals; wind E, moderate or light; max temp 9°F (49°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Rain in places, becoming dry in most areas, bright or sunny intervals. Some overnight fog in SW on Saturday.

Sea passages: S North S Wind E, moderate or fresh; moderate.

Strait of Dover: Wind moderate or fresh; sea moder

English Channel (E), George's Channel: Wind E or moderate or fresh; sea moder

Irish Sea: Wind E or moderate; sea moderate.

Yesterday

London: [illegible] max, 6 pm 1 pm, 10°C (50°F); min, 6 am 6 am, 4°C (39°F). Humidity pm, 79 per cent. Rain, 24 6 pm, nil. Sun, 2.2hr to 6 4.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 1,021.4 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; th, thunder.

Alghero	s	21	70	Cardiff	r	8	46	La Baule	s	15	59
Algiers	s	25	77	Catania	s	21	70	Lisbon	f	18	64
Amsterdam	s	14	57	Dublin	c	9	48	Locarno	s	17	63
Athens	f	19	66	Edinburgh	r	8	46	London	f	13	55
Barcelona	f	18	64	Florence	f	16	61	Luxembourg	c	11	52
Belfast	c	11	52	Frankfurt	f	11	52	Madrid	f	13	55
Belgrade	s	18	64	Geneva	f	15	59	Majorca	f	17	63
Berlin	c	8	46	Gibraltar	f	19	66	Malaga	f	20	68
Biarritz	f	18	64	Guernsey	c	10	50	Malta	f	25	77
Birmingham	s	8	46	Helsinki	c	3	37	Manchester	f	8	46
Bristol	r	7	45	Innsbruck	r	6	43	Majorca	f	17	63
Brussels	c	12	54	Istanbul	c	15	59	Munich	c	7	45
Budapest	fog	4	39	Jersey	c	10	50	Naples	f	15	59
New York	c	15	59	Nice	s	17	63	Oslo	c	7	45
Paris	f	13	55	Rhodes	f	18	64	Stockholm	c	7	45
Rome	f	16	61	Salzburg	r	6	43	Tel Aviv	f	25	77
Salonika	f	15	59	Venice	f	11	52	Vienna	s	9	48
Santander	f	17	63	Warsaw	c	4	39	Zurich	s	6	43

Overseas selling prices

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Cost of meat dishes 'could be cut by tenth'

By Hugh Clayton

The cost of meat dishes could be cut by a tenth if meat was replaced with vegetable protein to the maximum permissible extent. Mr Eric Learmonth, chairman of the Vegetable Protein Association, said yesterday. The government-appointed Food Standards Committee has recommended that up to 30 per cent of meat in such dishes could be replaced by vegetable protein.

Vegetable protein based on North American soya beans cost only a fifth or a sixth of the price of cuts of meat such as stewing steak that were popular with caterers, Mr Learmonth said. "All the official organizations" predicted a world shortage of protein foods.

The association is to meet officials of the food standards division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to discuss legislation for products that contain soya protein.

Voluntary tax plan for political party funds

By Our Political Correspondent

People should be allowed to state in their tax returns that they want a contribution to a particular political party to be included in their tax assessment, Aims for Freedom and Enterprise (formerly Aims of Industry), states in its submission to the Houghton Committee on Aid to Political Parties.

"Retired people should be allowed similar facilities and the state should make the necessary contribution to the parties", the memorandum states. People should be allowed to say that they do not wish to contribute to any party.

The main recommendation was that the trade union political levy should be abolished, or return to the rule of "contracting in" rather than "contracting out".

There was a need to return to the situation when the registrar of Friendly Societies had information on the funds of trade unions.

Aims for Freedom asks that special attention should be given to Co-operative Societies and the relationship of the Co-operative Party and the Labour Party.

£6 pay deal for busmen

By a Staff Reporter

The full £6 a week rises allowed under the Government's pay policy were agreed in London yesterday for Britain's 90,000 company busmen. The increases, which will cost £21m in a full year, will date from the beginning of March.

The award will have to be ratified by a busmen's conference on November 28. A similar settlement dating from January has already been agreed for municipal busmen.

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HOME NEWS

New British-Iceland talks in effort to avert another 'cod war'

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

New talks to prevent another round in the "cod war" between Britain and Iceland are due to be held on Sunday in Reykjavik. The present agreement runs out at midnight tonight, which means that Iceland's 200-mile limit comes into force, in theory at least, before negotiations resume.

An announcement yesterday that Mr Roy Hattersley, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, will return home early from his trip to the United States, in order to meet Mr Agustsson, the Icelandic Foreign Minister, will be taken by both sides in the dispute as a signal to keep calm.

It is assumed that Mr Hattersley would not decide to go to Reykjavik unless he had *some reason to think* that Mr Agustsson intended to pursue the negotiations seriously. Until now, the Icelanders have maintained their habitual stonewall defence.

However, scientists from both sides *have met in Reykjavik recently* to discuss an Icelandic report on conservation of fish stocks. They are understood to have reached a fairly broad measure of agreement. British reservations concern the extent of *conservation required, not* the principle itself.

"We believe the British Government will now take a far more realistic position in reducing their annual catch," Icelandic sources said.

One figure being mentioned unofficially is a British total of 70,000 tons of cod a year, *compared with* the present annual catch of 130,000 tons. The experts' report proposes a total catch of about 230,000 tons for all the countries fishing in Icelandic waters, a reduction of about one third.

Iceland has also been encouraged by good progress in talks now under way with West Germany. But the Germans, who were responsible for blocking tariff concessions to Iceland in the EEC go mainly for red fish, not cod.

Our Defence Correspondent writes: Three oil rig supply *vessels have been chartered by* the Ministry of Agriculture and moved to Lerwick, Shetland, in case of trouble when the agreement with Iceland ends at midnight tonight.

The unarmed ships, Star Sirius, Star Polaris and Star Aquarius, will stay in port on permanent charter to the *ministry and are likely to put* to sea only in an emergency.

The plan is that they would perform the same sort of service to the fishing fleet off Iceland that several hastily chartered ocean-going tugs performed towards the end of the last cod war. If any of Iceland's seven gunboats harass the British trawlers the oil rig vessels would try to place themselves between the gunboats and trawlers.

The trawlers will be accompanied only by their regular supply vessels, the Hausa and *Othello, for the time* being. The Royal Navy is keeping well away from the scene, although contingency plans exist for frigates to be introduced if the situation worsens.

A Staff Reporter writes from Leeds: The British Trawlers' Federation last night welcomed the news of resumed talks with Iceland. A representative said: "The fact that the talks resume on Sunday reinforces our view that there will not be any problems."

Development report's proposals rejected

By John Young
Planning Reporter

The Government has rejected almost all the main recommendations of the report on development control by Mr George Dobry, QC.

In a written reply in the Commons yesterday Mr. Silkin, Minister for Planning and Local Government, named two specific recommendations which, he said, the weight of argument was in favour of rejecting. They were the proposed division of *planning applications into* major and minor, and the suggestion that demolition of all buildings should be subject to planing control.

But although the minister thanked Mr Dobry for providing "a unique insight into the detailed working of the system", and added that on *many of his recommendations* there was "almost complete unanimity of view", the detailed reply by Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, is an unequivocal rebuff. As Mr Silkin pointed out, *Mr Dobry had conceded* that the existing system was fundamentally sound, and the gist of the Government's 27-page answer is that it sees no need for drastic changes.

Mr Crosland's statement says that although there would be definite benefits in statutorily distinguishing between Class A *(major) and Class B (minor)* applications they are outweighed by the disadvantages. It would be *impossible to draw* a hard and fast line, and "major" and "minor" do not always *mean the same as* "controversial" and "uncontroversial".

Regarding Mr Dobry's sug*gestion of statutory time limits* for settling applications, the Government considers that they would open the door for hasty and ill considered decisions and for the precautionary refusals. Moreover the avoidance of delay is not wholly within the power of local authorities.

He says it is best left to local authorities to decide whether to coopt members of amenity societies and other bodies or to planning committees, and that no purpose would be served by giving applicants a statutory *right to consultation* with planning authorities.

A feneral planning aid scheme is not possible in present economic circumstances, Mr Crosland says. The suggestion that a fee should be charged to cover the administrative costs of deciding applications has been carefully *considered, but he does not* think the simple, fair and financially worthwhile scheme can be devised.

The Government does not propose to seek any changes to applicants' rights of appeal and rejects Mr Dobry's suggestions for more informal inquiries and a greater use of *written representations.*

By the end of this year, it is claimed, the backlog of appeals should have been virtually eliminated. The time taken in reaching decisions has been drastically reduced and will be reduced still further next year.

Two points on which Mr Crosland does agree with Mr Dobry are the need for a "case officer" responsible for the progress of each appeal, and for cost sto be awarded more widely.

Too many fingers in the planning pie

New two-tier system of local government is blamed for confusion

By Our Planning Reporter

The new two-tier system of local government was causing inordinate delays and confusion in planning, *Sir Desmond Heap*, former president of the Law Society, said last night.

Giving the fourth and last of the 1975 Hamlyn Lectures at the Law Society's Hall, London, *Sir Desmond said* the Local Government Act, 1972, had increased the number of planning *authorities in England and* Wales from 145 to 512. There could be no peace until the counties and districts put their heads together as to who did which and what.

"With the law as it now stands, with its pestiferous savings and reservations constantly qualifying some clear and readily understandable general statement, it will not be easy for this clear division of labour *to be achieved. There can be no* doubt that the inordinate delays in the handling of planning applications today can be laid directly at the door of the new two-tier system of local government."

As an example of the administrative complexity that might result "when there were two planning authorities putting inquisitive fingers *into the same* pie", Sir Desmond cited the case of a developer who applied to build offices *in the City of* London.

The developer obtained an office development permit from the Secretary of State for the Environment, which showed that the proposals accorded with overall government policy.

But the Greater London Council then passed a resolution declaring that, as a matter of policy, there were to be no more offices in the area. While the council could pass such a resolution if it wanted to, Sir Desmond said, he knew of no legal *basis for its implementation.*

The GLC had directed the planning authority to refuse permission. Yet its powers were specifically limited by regulations under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1962, which stipulated that it should not have regard to any matters other than the policy set out in the Initial Development Plan for Greater London.

The council now wanted to *exceed* those regulations and allow itself to be influenced by a policy that amounted to an unapproved amendment of the plan, Sir Desmond said.

"Why does some developer not challenge all this?" he asked. "I am sure that one day it will find not only a protracted appeal to the Secretary of State but also a good case for action in the courts.

"It runs counter to the rule of law and may rightly be called a displeasing example of lawlessness in the planning field."

The best thing for planning control in London would be for the GLC to get off the backs and out of the hair of the boroughs and let them get on *with the job in their own way.*

Planning control had lost its way in the morass of rules, regulations, guidelines, circulars, White Papers and Blue Books. It had got to get itself back to first principles, to produce a system that would be understandable and popular, and to concentrate on basic essentials and stop trying to secure and control all things at once.

"In particular I wish it would stop interfering in details of design and leave this to the architects", he said. It would also be a good idea if "political jiggery-pokery" was removed.

"The function of planning control is to secure the best use of land. To put the disposition of land development at the whim of any political *ideology is to prostitute the* purpose for which the land-planning system was invented."

Ultimatum to priest in dispute over Mass

From Our Correspondent
King's Lynn

Father Oswald Baker, Roman Catholic *parish priest* at St Dominic's Church, Downham Market, Norfolk, has been given *seven days to resign* because he refuses to give up saying the Tridentine Mass. The order *came yesterday from the Bishop* of Northampton, Mgr Grant.

Father Baker, however, *refuses to resign.* He said: "The bishop's letter asks for my resignation in seven days and intimates that a decree of removal might be required if the resignation is not forthcoming. I can stay on in some other parish in the diocese if I am willing to say the new Mass, but I am not willing to do so."

St Dominic's has become the focal point for Roman Catholics who refuse to give up saying *the 1570 Tridentine Mass.* Each Sunday about a hundred people worship in the church. Recently they raised £2,000 to make a recording of the Tridentine Mass for worldwide distribution.

One of Father Baker's supporters said yesterday: "We shall continue to back him."

Commission on energy policy is proposed

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

A standing commission on energy, independent of the Government, to identify social issues such as safety risks from increasing the nuclear power programme or the consequences of alternative pricing policies, is proposed in a report published yesterday.

The report, prepared by a study group of industrialists, economists and research workers under the aegis of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, concludes that the development of energy industries in the United Kingdom *is too loosely coordinated.* A commission would influence government policy but its conclusions would be made public for discussion of complicated questions.

Eight recommendations in the report indicate reasons why government energy policies should ensure that prices reflect the full costs of particular fuels. Attempts to shield consumers from increased costs, for instance, through subsidies to nationalized industries, are ultimately self-defeating, the group says.

Its publication, Social Consequences of the Energy Situation says realistic prices would have to be adjusted to protect the poor sections of the community. It recognizes that those at risk include old people who might die of hypothermia, or that low-paid workers might be persuaded to take even lower-*paid jobs because of the higher* cost of transport.

It finds an overwhelming case for identifying parts of society that would be most seriously harmed by some of the measures suggested.

The group examined a suggestion that the risk of a senior nuclear accident, with a projected 500 reactors *operating in* Britain, would be less than one in 2,000 years. However, the exposure of many people to potentially damaging radiation would create social and political difficulties for which governments needed to be prepared.

Miss Sarah Vaughan and Mr Frank Sinatra rehearsing yesterday for a series of concerts at the London Palladium, which begins today.

£160,000 offers to train painting restorers

From Our Correspondent
Cambridge

Cambridge University has been offered a grant of £110,000 by the *Gulbenkian Foundation* to establish an institute for training craftsmen in the conservation and restoration of paintings. Another £40,000 has been offered by the Monument Trust and £10,000 by the Baring Foundation.

The institute would be housed at Whittlesford, seven miles *from Cambridge, in the home of* the late Sir Hamilton Kerr, for 30 years Conservative MP for Cambridge, who gave it to the Fitzwilliam Museum before he died last December.

Mr Herbert Lank would be the first director of the proposed institute. He is internationally known for his work in picture conservation and in the training of young restorers, and has offered to give up private practice in London to move to Cambridge.

Professor Michael Jaffe, director of the Fitzwilliam, described the proposed institute, which could be in use next year as unique.

Initially Mr Lank would have one professional assistant, but *further posts would be* established later to enable the institute to "realize its full potential in scientific and technical research. Four students would be admitted next October for a three-year period of training at Whittlesford.

Arts Council warning of extravagance

By Our Arts Reporter

Extravagance in the arts would be unforgivable, Lord Gibson, chairman of the Arts Council, says in its annual report published today. "But it would be madness not to nourish the priceless artistic assets that have been created by the British since the war."

The report is published only a fortnight after a plea by council officials led by the present secretary-general, Mr Roy Shaw, for more aid. It is the last prepared by Sir Hugh Willatt, who held the post for seven years until his retirement in the summer.

Lord Gibson says supported companies are going to face serious deficits after taking drastic action to cut costs, many to the point where box office revenue was endangered.

"With the council's reserves already depleted, our ability to come to the rescue of companies facing decline or even closure will depend on national recognition of the problem and of the need to provide extra funds to keep these companies alive."

In his final *comments on the* state of the arts in Britain, Sir Hugh Willatt says there is today a new attitude to the arts nationally which would justify giving the Arts Council grant a higher priority in the nation's *housekeeping.*

At a press conference yesterday Mr Shaw emphasized that the recent statement on the plights of the arts should not be interpreted as a criticism of the Government or blame on *Mr Hugh Jenkins,* minister responsible for the arts.

Lord Gibson said that in talks *with ministers he had detected* a very sympathetic attitude to the problem facing the arts. But he also gave a warning that it might do the arts great damage if the figure of £40m given by council officials a fortnight ago became established as the one the council were asking or.

"It might be more, it might be less: we are on a moving staircase", he said.

Annual report and accounts, 1974-75 (Arts Council Publications, 105 Piccadilly, London W1V 0AU, £1.35 post free; or from Arts Council shop, 28 Sackville Street, W1, £1).

Driver of death coach cleared

Mr Matthew Varty, aged 56, a coach driver, was cleared at an accident inquiry at Dumfries yesterday of causing a crash in which he and nine passengers were killed. The jury said Mr Varty, of Stephens Road, Brighton, could be absolved from all responsibility.

He and the passengers died near Beattock, Dumfriesshire, in June when the coach was in collision with an articulated lorry on the A74 road. The lorry was said to have crossed the central reservation.

New towns yield £45m surplus

The Government will have recovered surplus funds from new towns amounting to £45m by the end of this year, it was announced yesterday (our Political Staff writes).

A Treasury minute said: "There is no immediate prospect of any new town making further surpluses, but if this should happen the department will take the necessary steps to *recover the surplus promptly.*" *Treasury Minute on the Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1974-75* (Command 6298, Stationery Office, 30p).

Nursery school building 'cut'

Nursery school building was being cut at a time when there *was greater interest in pre*-school education than ever before and when a Labour government had come to power pledged to expand it, Mrs Renée Short, MP, complained yesterday.

Mrs Short, president of the National Campaign for Nursery Education, told the campaign's annual meeting in London that too many authorities were refusing government funds for *building nursery schools* because they did not want to meet running costs.

Motorists facing £21 penalty

Motorists whose cars are *towed away in the Metropolitan* Police district may soon face charges of £21, according to Treasury comments on a Commons Public Accounts Committee report.

The actual towing-away charge might more than double from £7 to £15, with the recently raised illegal parking *penalty adding another £6.* The committee said the £7 tow-away charge introduced last December was already too low because of inflation.

Correction

A report in later editions on Tuesday of the public inquiry into William Tyndale School may have given an impression that the ILEA was still contemplating a prosecution against the head*master and six teachers over* obstruction of a school inspection. Remarks made by counsel for the ILEA at the beginning of the day's hearing were overtaken by a decision of the authority which was announced later in the proceedings. The ILEA points out that the schools subcommittee will take no action under section 77 (4) of the 1944 Education Act (which refers to the obstruction of a school inspection) but reserves the right to take any other actions that seems appropriate after the inquiry findings.

Fading hope of Prentice mediation

By Michael Hatfield
Political Stafff

Mr Ronald Hayward, general secretary of the Labour Party, has almost given up hope of reconciling Mr Prentice, Minister for Overseas Development, and the Newham, North-east constitutency management committee, which has disowned him.

Mr Hayward's role has been made difficult by comments made by Mr Prentice and management committee members after it was announced on Monday night that an attempt at reconciliation would be made. *Both parties made it known* they were not prepared to compromise.

Mr Ian Mikardo, MP for Tower Hamlets, Bethnal Green and Bow and a left-wing member of the party's national executive, who proposed that Mr Hayward should attempt a reconciliation, told a meeting of *the party's organization* committee yesterday that it had now become more or less impossible.

Mr Hayward is understood to share that view. The three other members who attended the organization committee agreed with Mr Mikardo when he suggested that the attention *of the national executive should* be drawn to the comments that had been made and ask it to bear them in mind in deciding whether Mr Hayward should now attempt a reconciliation.

The committee also agreed that no further action should be taken on a report about the activities of a Trotskyist group in the party, prepared by Mr Reginald Underhill, national organizer. But it is expected that the matter will be raised again at a full meeting of the national executive on November 26.

Sandringham not ready

The Queen's home, Sandringham House, will not be open to the public next year because renovation work is not yet complete, it was announced yesterday.

Tory whip resigns

Mr Richard Luce, Conservative MP for Shoreham, resigns today *as an opposition whip to* devote more time to other parliamentary duties.

Race Act breached by Mecca

From Our Correspondent
Nottingham

Mecca, the entertainment group, was found guilty at *Nottingham County Court* yesterday of breaking the Race Relations Act. Judge Heald granted an injunction against the company restraining it from refusing admission to people to its dance halls and discotheques on the ground of colour, race or ethnic or national origins. He ordered the company to pay the costs of the case, which are expected to run into thousands *of pounds.*

He said he granted the injunction because he thought it *possible there would be further* breaches of the Act by Mecca. He said that Mecca was guilty of discrimination against Mr Lorne Horsford, aged 20, an apprentice electrician from Antigua, who came to England 15 years ago. The judge awarded him £40 damages. He was refused entry to Leicester *Palais de Danse, owned* by Mecca, in September, 1973.

Mecca contended that Mr Horsford resembled coloured troublemakers who were involved in disturbances two weeks earlier. It denied discrimination.

Devolution plans 'constitutional nonsense'—Mr Powell

Mr Enoch Powell yesterday dismissed devolution plans as constitutional nonsense, and criticized political leaders who snatched up policies without understanding what they meant and made *promises which could* not be fulfilled.

He told the City Conservative Forum in London that local parliaments must lead to either a federal state or the dissolution of the United Kingdom into two or more independent states. There was no third possibility.

He *said, in part:*

The devolution debate will be based upon a proposition no less objectively false than to assert the *two and two make five.* It is the proposition that it is possible to establish one or more local parliaments within the unitary *parliamentary state known as the* United Kingdom. I am using the word "parliaments" in the *perfectly precise sense in which* it will be the subject of the debate, namely, elected assemblies endowed with legislative power.

The difference between such assemblies and local authorities is clear and unambiguous. Local authorities, large or small, high or low, have no power themselves to make or alter the laws which they apply: they take decisions only at the administrative level within the limits which the law, not made by them, lays down.

In the context of the devolution debate the theorem which corresponds to the equation two and two make four is this: the *establishment of one or more* local parliaments must have one of two consequences: either the conversion of the unitary parlia*mentary state into a federal state,* with a written constitution which prescribes the respective spheres and powers of the federal parlia*ment and the local parliaments,* or alternatively the dissolution of the unitary state itself into two or more independent states. No third possibility exists.

The proposition that the establishment of regional legislatures *means either separation or federation* has several important corollaries. One is that if the end-result is to be federation, then *the powers and status of all the* component parts of the federation *must be identical. . . .*

In concrete terms, the idea that you can have a legislative assembly for Wales with one set of powers and a legislative assembly for Scotland with a more extensive set of powers, is nonsense—and none the less so for having been passionately embraced at the outset by many performers in the forthcoming comedy. Incidentally, was there not once upon a time a Central African Federation, set up by the British Parliament, which had just this inbuilt impossibility at the heart of it?

Another corollary was that the new federal state must be founded with a written consti*tution, which would have one* certain consequence:

It would replace the Crown in Parliament by a supreme court as the ultimate sovereign authority: for wherever there is a written constitution, the true sovereign in the state is that piece of paper, and its priesthood—the ultimate human sovereigns—are the judges who authoritatively interpret it. . . . I am extremely doubtful if the people of Britain, when they discovered what was involved, would prefer to be governed instead by an unelected unrepresentative judiciary, or would be willing to dethrone the Crown in Parliament as their sovereign in order to install her Majesty's judges in the vacant space.

Regional assembly plan: A proposal for a North-east regional assembly embracing the whole of Yorkshire, Humberside and the North-east is to be discussed at a Labour conference on devolution at Leeds on Saturday.

New legal move in Brighton pier campaign

By Cyril Bainbridge

Brighton council is being urged to serve notice on the company owning the crumbling West Pier requiring it to comply with its statutory obligation to maintain and keep open the *110-year-old structure.*

The latest move in the efforts to save the pier comes after the "We Want the West Pier" campaigners took legal advice on the company's responsibility.

The campaigners want the council to take it over. Their suggestions for financing the pier and its restoration and development as a leisure centre are being studied by council officials.

Mr John Lloyd, founder of the campaign, said today: "We are advised that the Brighton West Pier Act of 1890, incorporating the company that owns the pier, did not create limited liability for its shareholders.

"We are also advised that a section of the Act provides that the company cannot be wound up and dissolved unless and until all its debts and liabilities have been discharged".

The latest development is expected to be discussed by the council on November 20.

Guidelines on violent patients urged after killing of nurse in hospital

Nurses in mental hospitals need firmer guidelines for handling violent patients, says a report yesterday on the killing of a nurse by a patient. It is published by the South West *Thames Regional Health* Authority.

The report, of an independent committee of inquiry, says nurses need further explanation of their powers and where the *restrictions lie is the use of* force. It might be reasonable if the Department of Health would clarify the position of staff by statute or otherwise, it adds.

The committee, chaired by Mr Guy Willett, a barrister, investigated the killing of Daniel Carey, aged 52, a state enrolled nurse, at Tooting Bec Hospital, London, in August last year. He was stabbed four or five times in the chest by Samuel Hall, a schizophrenic patient, who was found unfit to plead to a murder charge at the Central Criminal Court and is now in Broadmoor.

Mr Hall was a voluntary patient and the report points out that such a patient can be compulsorily detained only if he is a physical danger to himself or others, or if his condition requires it.

The committee says nurses have been troubled for some time about being liable to proceedings for assault and about *their powers to search patients* and remove potentially dangerous or offensive weapons. If a voluntary patient does not voluntarily hand over a potential weapon, or if he does not consent to its removal, nurses are at risk if *legal action is* taken against them for assault.

Nurses at the Tooting Bec *hospital were concerned that* unless a Mental Health Act order was made they could not apply force to a patient, even to transfer him to a locked ward. The report refers to five nurses at the hospital being acquitted at the Central Criminal Court of serious charges.

The report says: "There was a substantial anxiety at this hospital over the management of disturbed, violent or potentially violent patients. We learnt that staff want their position to be clarified so that they can feel secure in what they are doing.

"They realize only too well *that an allegation* of violence made against one of their members is the kind of thing which receives headlines in the press, whereas violence by a patient towards a member of staff is something which has no news value whatsoever."

Of the actual killing, the report states: "We consider that in the particular circum*stances of this tragic case there* was no way in which the situation could have been handled in any way different from that in which it was handled. We cannot see how this tragedy could have been prevented."

It concludes: "It seems to us that we have learnt what we and the public may have forgotten; namely that by letting people who are mentally ill retain their ordinary freedom society gives them the freedom also to remain ill, the freedom to refuse treatment and indeed the freedom to deteriorate mentally."

Prisoner dies

Kenneth Douglas Bell, serving a life sentence for manslaughter, died from throat wounds received in Wormwood Scrubs jail yesterday.

Limit on money for local authorities 'no panacea'

By Our Local Government Correspondent

The introduction of cash limits into local government finance was no panacea, Commander Duncan Lock, chairman of the Association of District Councils, said in London yesterday. Their success would *depend on how successful the* Government was in beating inflation.

He was addressing an association meeting the day after Mr Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, had told local government associations about the imposition of strict limits on the money the Government will give councils in its rate-support grant for next year.

Commander Lock said he was disappointed that the Government had rejected the association's appeal that district councils should receive a higher proportion of the rate-support grant.

Despite all the criticism of local government, district councils had kept rate increases below inflation. He was confident that they would be able to do so again, without the help of the Secretary of State.

The association, which represents the 333 non-metropolitan district councils in England and Wales, declared its opposition to the suggestion put to the Government by the TUC that *local authority employees* should be represented on council committees.

More political say sought

Members of one of the main printing unions are being asked to double the size of their political levy so as to gain a greater say in making Labour Party policy (our Labour Editor writes).

The executive council of the National Society of Operative *Printers, Graphical* and Media Personnel (Natsopa) has recommended the union's 57,000 members to endorse a rule change that would lift the quarterly contribution to the political fund from 2½p to 5p.

Aerial robots with James Bond touch

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Visions of wars being fought out in the sky by unmanned aircraft controlled by pilots based on the ground hundreds of miles behind the lines are conjured up in the 1975-76 edition of *Jane's All The World's Aircraft,* published today.

Jane's takes 32 pages this year to list all the aerial robots that are being developed or researched by the aerospace industries of the world, and the editor, Mr John W. R. Taylor, says in a foreword that this whole field now has "a cloak *and dagger quality* to rival James Bond".

Originally they were called drones, and were used by military forces as training targets. But Mr Taylor points out that they have gone well beyond the "overgrown model aircraft" stage. Remotely piloted vehicles, to give them their official nomenclature, are electronically controlled, as fast as jet fighters, and are used as spies in the sky, as decoys, and as weapons of offence.

The cleverest robot listed by *Jane's* is one on which a United States company has been working. Designated Siam, which stands for self-initiated anti-aircraft munition, it would be flown automatically into the country around an enemy airfield and then "so long as enemy aircraft stay on the ground, the devices remain inactive, but they fire automatically on any aircraft that attempts to take off or land".

Another robot being worked on in the United States will loiter over enemy defences for up to four hours, either drawing his fire or making him keep radar silence. The same vehicle could be fitted with homing devices and an explosive charge so that it would fly into and blow up a radar installation in true "kamikaze" *fashion.*

Work is advanced, according to *Jane's,* on a robot that will be used by the United States Air Force to monitor radar emissions along the western borders of East Germany.

This robot is called the Compass Cope, and another version of it will most likely be employed to patrol areas of the Arctic Ocean to monitor firings from the northern missile test site of the Soviet Union. That task is carried out at present by Boeing RC 135 manned aircraft flying from Elmendorf air force base, Alaska.

Jane's All The World's Aircraft 1975-76 (Jane's Yearbooks, £19.50).

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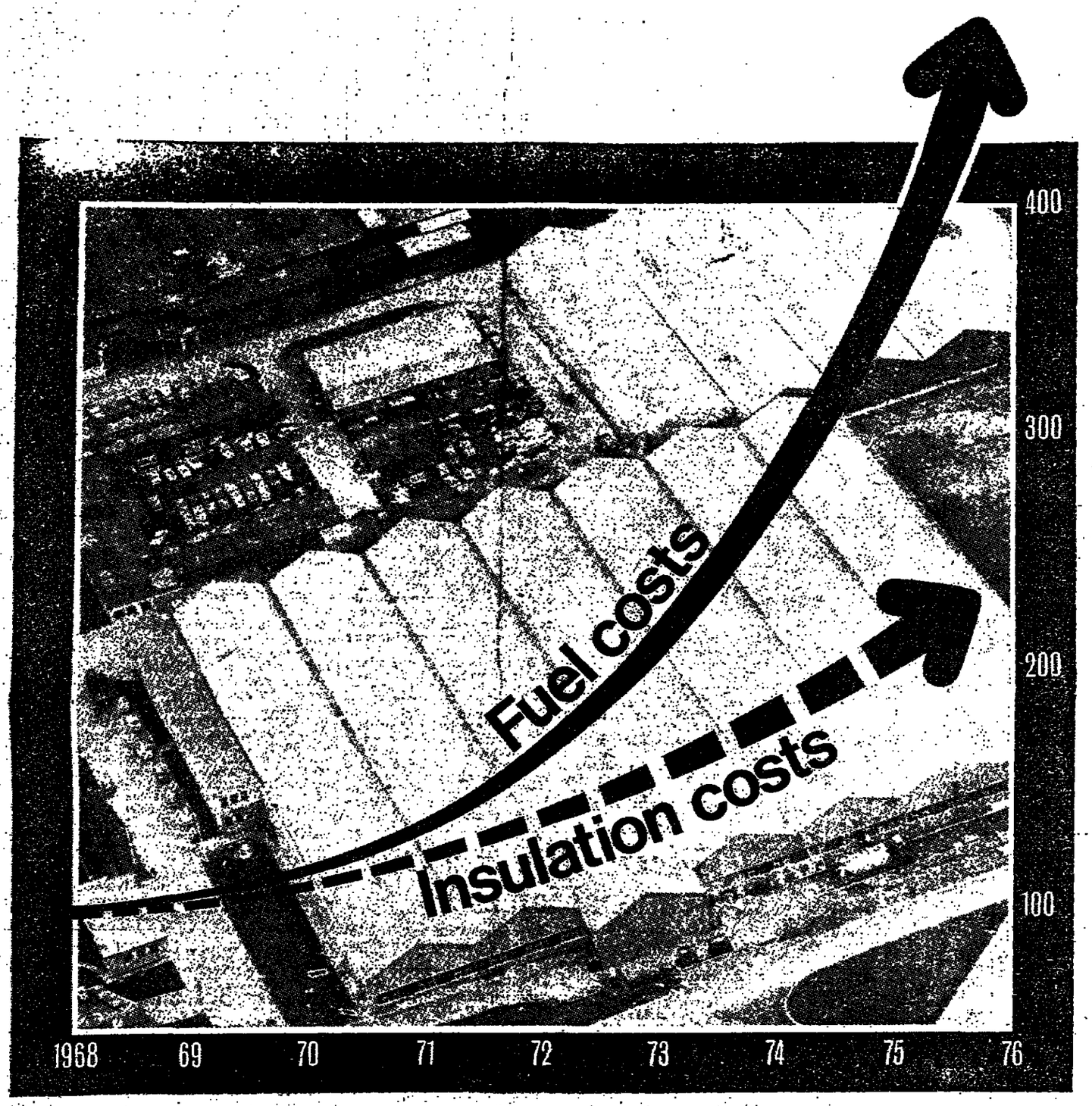

TRENDS IN AVERAGE FUEL AND INSULATION COSTS

Heat lost through your factory roof, process plant or pipework could now be costing you over twice what it did two years ago.

So if you haven't reviewed the payback periods for insulation in your firm recently, it's worth doing now. Because payback may now be a matter of months rather than years.

Even a job requiring relatively little capital outlay, such as pipe insulation, may yield a sizeable financial return to your firm. For example, lagging just three feet of exposed 4" diameter steam pipe can save the equivalent of a ton of coal a year.

SAVE IT

If you're debating whether to spend money on insulating an existing industrial building against loss of heat, remember that the Government has increased the first year tax allowance on insulation to 100%.

This allowance could halve the payback period. If your finance director has any doubts about whether your company qualifies for the allowance, he should get in touch with the Inspector of Taxes.

Hot air is an increasingly valuable commodity these days. So let's not talk it.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

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WEST EUROPE

Senior women officers of the Nato forces, attending a conference in London, assembled yesterday with Mr William Rodgers, Minister of State for Defence. They represent about 120,000 women in uniform.

20,000 strikers on march in Lisbon

Lisbon, Nov 12.—About 150 members of the Portuguese Constituent Assembly were trapped inside the parliament buildings here tonight by striking building workers.

The workers, demonstrating in support of a pay claim, forced back deputies who tried to leave

In a building near by a delegation was meeting Admiral *Pinheiro de Azevedo, the Prime* Minister, to press their pay claim despite a planned austerity programme by the Government. About 20,000 workers in safety helmets and overalls had marched to his office, shouting "Down with exploitation and starvation wages."

The Prime Minister tried to address them from a balcony but was shouted down.

Earlier tens of thousands of workers had marched through the streets of central Lisbon, forcing the Labour Ministry to close down for fear of violence. —Reuter and AP.

Agreement on Sahara said to be near

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Nov 12

Spain and Morocco appear to be close to agreement on the future of the Spanish Sahara, informed sources said *here today.*

A Moroccan delegation consisting of three ministers, an under-secretary of state and another official, met a *Mauritanian* delegation and Spanish negotiators in Madrid *this morning.*

There was no immediate official report on the progress *of the talks, but informed* sources claimed that a framework of agreement had already been reached before the new round of talks began.

This information seemed to conflict with the remarks of Señor Leon Herrera, the Spanish Minister of Information and Tourism, who was *quoted today by the semi-*official news agency Cifra in Madrid as saying that Spain had promised King Hassan nothing whatsoever in exchange for his decision to call off the march by 350,000 Moroccan civilians into the Sahara.

The Minister was reported to have said that the visit by Señor Antonio Carro Martinez, the Minister of the Presidency, to Agadir last weekend was intended to convince the Moroccan Government that the removal of the marchers from Spanish territory was "a condition which the Spanish Government considered indispensable in order to establish the climate of friendship and understanding which had been interrupted."

Informed sources said that Spain seems to have reverted to its previous "giveaway" position, which was believed to be embodied in an offer made to King Hassan by Señor José *Solis Ruiz, Spanish Minister of* the National Movement.

These sources claimed that Spain has finally opted for a Moroccan solution to the *Sahara problem rather than an* Algerian one, which it had previously seemed to favour. They said the change was not dictated merely by the desire to avoid conflict abroad at this critical moment but was also dictated by certain geo-political considerations.

Farm policy changes go to EEC summit

From David Cross
Brussels, Nov 12

After more than a year's scrutiny of the European Community's controversial agricultural policy, farm ministers *have decided that its good* points far outweigh any shortcomings.

According to a new draft statement worked out during *two days of painstaking* deliberations by the ministers in Brussels this week, "The agricultural policy has attained a very high degree of *integration" and "in many areas may* be regarded as positive".

This general conclusion, which will be transmitted to heads of government of the *Nine for further consideration* at their summit meeting in Rome next month, is a far cry from the aspirations of the West Germans and the British when the so-called "stocktaking" of the policy was launched in October, 1974. At that time both countries hoped the exercise would emphasize the need for a thorough overhaul of the common agricultural policy.

The draft statement, which may also be discussed at a joint session of agriculture and foreign ministers before the summit, highlights four particularly successful areas: farm productivity and trade have increased; farmers' incomes have been protected; food prices have remained stable; and security of supplies has *been maintained in spite of* worldwide shortages.

Even where the ministers concede that difficulties do exist—in the beef and dairy *sectors, for example—these are* blamed partly on the failure of other Community policies, such as economic and monetary union and social programmes. "In an enterprise of such magnitude, difficulties have inevitably arisen", the statement comments blandly.

Nevertheless, under pressure mainly from the West Germans and the British, the ministers acknowledge that some improvements to the policy are required to control surpluses and trim costs.

The British, in particular, take comfort from references in the document of the need to take account of the interests of consumers and of the modern efficient farm in elaborating future agricultural trends. They are also gratified that in the milk and beef sectors, there is general agreement on the need to reduce surpluses, and in the cereals sector to improve price relativities between grain used for animal and human consumption.

At the insistence of the West Germans, the statement makes it clear that there are at least two schools of thought on the way in which these generally agreed objectives should be achieved: while the French and the Irish favour minor modifications to existing market mechanisms, the reformist West Germans and British would prefer some major adjustments and the introduction of new measures.

In the dairy sector, for example, the Conservatives *think that an excessive build-*up of milk can be avoided by better market management and improved sales promotion; the Radicals argue, however, that additional measures are required to stabilize production.

The introduction of differences of opinion—which were absent from an earlier version of the stocktaking document drawn up by agricultural officials of the Nine—has raised speculation that Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, may want his fellow heads of Government to do more than simply rubber-stamp the policy guidelines worked out by agriculture ministers at next month's summit.

In any event, the Italians, who approved the policy statement *with great reluctance,* have made it clear that Signor Moro, their Prime Minister, will not feel constrained to limit his remarks to the contents of the document at the *summit.* They are dissatisfied that the latest policy statement concentrates too much on the problems of the richer north European farmer.

Call to speed up Greece's membership of Community

From Michael Hornsby
Luxembourg, Nov 12

The European Parliament today adopted a motion calling on the Council of Ministers and the European Commission to speed up consideration of Greece's application for membership of the European Community. Greece lodged its application in June.

Speakers of all political groups and nationalities welcomed the Greek application, but members of the Conserva*tive group doubted whether an* early entry of Greece into the EEC was practicable because of the formidable political and economic troubles which needed to be surmounted.

Mr John Corrie and Lord Eccheli, two British Conservatives, argued that it would be doing Greece a disservice to raise false hopes of an early accession to the Community. Mr Corrie believed that the EEC needed more time to sort out its own difficulties before it could consider further enlargement.

Mr Hugh Dykes, another *British Conservative,* spoke of the intractable industrial and agricultural problems which stood in the way of Greek membership. If Greece was exposed in its present stage of development to the "chill winds" of EEC competition, its industry would be annihilated, he claimed.

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In brief

Last Pasolini film banned

Rome, Nov 12.—Pier Paolo Pasolini's last film, *Salo or the 120 days of Sodom,* completed shortly before he was murdered this month, has been *banned in its entirety* by the government censorship board because of its "abberrant and repugnant sexual perversion."

The decision is not expected to affect the film's *showing* at the Paris film festival later this month.

Queen Mother's visit

The Hague, Nov 12.—Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother arrived here today for a short visit to Holland. She is to attend a service of thanksgiving and rededication to celebrate the reopening of the English Reformed Church in Amsterdam tomorrow.

Kidnap case arrests

Berlin, Nov 12.—The West Berlin police arrested two women, aged 19 and 36, today, who are suspected of involvement in the kidnapping of Herr Peter Lorenz, the chairman of the Berlin Christian Democratic Union, earlier this year.

Trawlers block port

Copenhagen, Nov 12.—About 50 trawlers from the Danish North Sea fishing fleet blocked Esbjerg harbour entrance for several hours today in protest against a government ban on *fishing herring and cod until* the end of the year.

Voice of an arsonist

Geneva, Nov 12.—Swiss Radio today broadcast a tape of what police described as the "vaguely English" voice of a man believed responsible for starting fires in department stores in the Lake Geneva area which did £10m worth of damage.

Fatal shooting

Lynchburg, Virginia, Nov 12. —Mrs Alexandra Bruce Michaelides, aged 29, the daughter of Mr David Bruce, *permanent United States* representative to Nato in Brussels, has died here after shooing herself in the head.

Death on holiday

Ibiza, Nov 12.—Mr George Joseph Roberts, aged 62, and his wife aged 72, from Wolver*hampton, who were on* holiday here, have died after being hit by a car.

Fire deaths arrest

Copenhagen, Nov 12.—A man aged 28 was arrested here today on charges of starting a fire that killed nine people in an *apartment building* last night and injured five.

M Giscard aims at strong conventional forces

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Nov 12

President Giscard d'Estaing confirmed today that his defence policy, with two important adjustments, was in line with the principles inherited from his two predecessors, based on the possession of an independent nuclear deterrent.

But he insisted on the need for a reinforcement of conventional forces and did not exclude the possibility of a European defence organization in the next decade, on condition that there was already a European political authority in existence.

These points were made by the President in two interviews, one with *Le Figaro* and the other on television.

The President was at pains to dispel fears expressed by Gaullist deputies during the recent parliamentary debate on military estimates that his *defence policy was straying* from the inherited principles; and that the priority given to *the nuclear deterrent* had led to a dangerous run-down of conventional forces.

He said that he was in favour of an increased effort in conventional armaments, and hence of increased military expenditure. He dismissed the suggestion that he was attempting to reintegrate France into Nato, and reiterated that there could be no question of France taking part either in the Geneva disarmament conference or in the Vienna conference on forces reductions.

"It goes without saying that in view of the disproportion between our forces and those of the two superpowers we reject any idea of agreeing to a ceiling to French nuclear forces", he insisted.

His review of the French defence situation had led him to the conclusion that France had made a remarkable effort in nuclear matters. But the morale of the armed forces had *been undermined by the* inadequacy and aging of conventional weapons.

Attacks on Corsica wine makers' premises

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Nov 12

Several bomb attacks have taken place in the eastern plain of Corsica over the past 24 hours against wine-making establishments belonging to growers who came from North Africa and whose names were mentioned in connexion with a wine adulteration scandal on the island last year.

In Ajaccio, a shop selling electrical appliances was badly damaged by a plastic charge and a car was blown up last night. None of these attacks resulted in loss of life, but they point to a recrudescence of unrest, linked, most probably, to the pending trial of Dr Edmond Simeoni, one of the leaders of the dissolved Corsican autonomist movement ARC, in connexion with the fatal shooting of two gendarmes in Algeria during last autumn's riots.

The support committees for "imprisoned Corsican patriots" announced yesterday that they would stage demonstrations and partial strikes later this month.

World recovery 'already begun'

From Dan van der Vat
Mannheim, Nov 12

The worst of the world economic recession is over and recovery has already begun, Herr Schmidt, the West German *Chancellor,* told the Social Democratic Party congress here today.

In a two-hour review of the political situation at home and abroad, the Chancellor presented delegates with a limpid analysis of the causes and consequences of the recession.

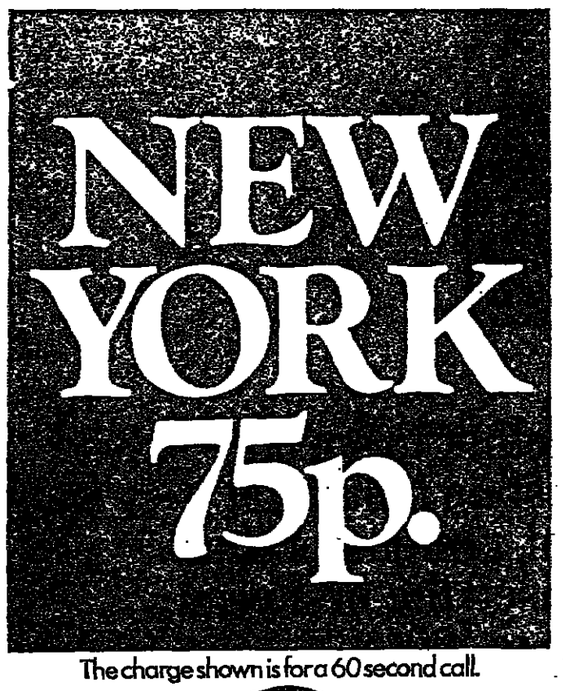
"The dialogue-conference between oil states, developing countries and industrial states starting in mid-December is in my view the most important positive world economic event of recent years", he stated.

The view that only international cooperation could bring stabilization was growing and much had already been done. "All these efforts have led to the point that world trade and world economic activity, as almost all international experts confirm, have passed the lowest point and are slowly recovering."

West Germany would be importing a lot more in the latter half of this year than last and thus helping the recovery of other countries. The Government had pumped £6,000m into the economy in the past 12 months. Already demand for capital goods was rising sharply and industry was getting more orders.

The majority of critics said West Germany had done too much, rather than too little, to revive its economy by going into deficit to the extent of 7 per cent of its gross national product. But to ensure recovery, the federal budget deficit would have to be as high, at nearly £8,000m, next year as it had been in 1975.

The most important task for next year was to bring down unemployment. More investment was the only way to do it, Herr Schmidt said.



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Marxist regime beats off attack on Luanda by rival army

Luanda, Nov 12.—The two-day old Marxist Government in Luanda today beat off a rival army attempting to mortar its way *into the Angolan capital to* establish its own regime.

The Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) has declared the "People's Republic of Angola" and named its leader, Dr Agostinho Neto, President, following the end of Portuguese rule on Monday.

Shelling at Quifangondo, 12 miles north of the capital, started today as the rival National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA), attempted to burst into the city across the Bengo river. The attack was repulsed, MPLA military sources said.

Mozambique is to send troops to help the MPLA, well-placed Mozambique sources said in Luanda today. The initial *detachment will be 250 veterans* of the war which the Mozambique guerrilla movement Frelimo fought against Portuguese rule.

The MPLA is already being helped by Cuban instructors in its battle against the FNLA and the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita).

The People's Republic declared by the MPLA in Luanda is not recognized by the *other two movements, which* have proclaimed a separate "People's Democratic Republic" based in Huambo (Nova Lisboa) in the Central Highlands.

Mozambique supported the MPLA in its resistance to last-*minute efforts by Portugal and* the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to persuade the three Angolan groups to form a joint government of national unity before independence.

Fighting was also reported *today on the southern front in* an area north of the main Angolan port of Lobito, captured by FNLA-Unita forces from the MPLA last week.

But reports from Cabinda, the oil-rich enclave north-west of here, said fighting between MPLA troops who control it and forces of the secessionist Front for the Liberation of Cabinda (Flec) had stopped.

Official sources here today said that 18 countries had recognized the MPLA Government. The first were Mozambique and the other former Portuguese African colonies, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde and Sao Tomé and Principle Islands.

They were followed by Congo, Mali, Guinea, Mauritius, Mongolia and Ethiopia, the MPLA sources said. Reports from outside Angola, however, indicated Ethiopia had welcomed Angola's *accession to independence but* without recognizing the MPLA Government.

Six eastern European countries also recognized the MPLA regime, MPLA sources here said. These were Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany and the Soviet Union. Moscow today announced that it was establishing diplomatic relations at ambassador level.

Hungary and Algeria announced their recognition yesterday, as did North Vietnam today.

A number of countries have reserved a decision on recognition while welcoming the accession of the former Portuguese colony to independence. The Organization of African Unity secretariat in Addis Ababa called for international aid to Angola but condemned all foreign political and military involvement in the situation there.

In Johannesburg, it was announced that Mr Chris van der Merwe, a South African free-lance journalist, arrested two weeks ago in Luanda by the MPLA, had been released from prison today.—UPI, Reuter and Agence France-Presse.

President Amin fails to heal rift with Russia

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Nov 12

President Amin of Uganda has had no response from the Soviet Union to his efforts to retract his earlier allegations which led the Soviet Union to suspend diplomatic relations with Uganda yesterday and order the staff of the Ugandan Embassy in Moscow to leave.

After accusing Mr A. Zakharov, the Soviet Ambassador, of trying to dictate to Uganda to support the Soviet-backed Popular Movement for the Liberation of Anglo (MPLA), instead of maintaining neutrality towards the three Angolan nationalist movements, President Amin suggested that the ambassador might have been suffering from an "overdose of vodka" and so not expressing the attitude of the Soviet Government.

In view of this, he suggested that the Soviet Union should send a more sympathetic ambassador to replace Mr Sakharov, whose immediate withdrawal he had demanded.

The Soviet Embassy in Kampala has now been closed, *and arrangements are under-*stood to be under way to remove the several hundred Soviet experts who have been working with the Uganda armed forces and in other key jobs.

In a statement today, President Amin denied suggestions that his quarrel with the Soviet Union arose from disputes about the supply of Soviet arms and "payment" for them by Uganda. He insisted that it arose only from Mr Zakharov's alleged attempt to "dictate" to Uganda on its policy towards Angola.

He sent letters to President Ford, Chairman Mao and Mr Wilson expressing appreciation for their governments' stands on Angola, which, he said, were based on a correct assessment of the situation there. Referring to the break with the Soviet Union, he said his action was taken in the interest of Africa.

Israel calls conference in response to Zionism vote

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, Nov 12

Israel is appealing to world Jewry to rally behind it in the fight against the United Nations General Assembly's attack on Zionism as a form of racism.

The Government and Jewish Agency decided today to call a conference of 100 world Jewish leaders in Jerusalem at the end of this month, coinciding with the anniversary of the Balfour Declaration on November 29.

Invitations are being sent out by Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister, and by Mr Arye Dulzin, acting chairman of the agency. The conference will focus on "the state of Israel as the Jewish ideal". There will also be a drive for renewed emigration to Israel, especially from Western countries.

Protests against the General Assembly vote continued here today. Youths demonstrated outside United Nations headquarters, and in the schools teachers have declared a "Zionism week" and are giving special lessons on Zionist history and philosophy. United Nations Street in Jerusalem has been renamed Zionism Street.

Washington: The furious reaction here to the United Nations vote continues unabated. Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, said in Pittsburgh today that America "would have to consider the vote on an individual basis before deciding what specific action we will take towards various countries".

There is no doubt that Egypt's hopes of getting $730m (£360m) in aid out of Congress, and approval to buy two nuclear reactors, are seriously hurt by the vote. Both Houses of Congress have now voted to re*examine America's position in* the United Nations.

New York: Mr Gaston Thorn, the General Assembly's current President and Prime Minister of Luxembourg, joined the critics of the resolution. Speaking in his capacity as Luxembourg Premier, he said that the climate of conciliation of the United Nations had been "destroyed" by the vote.

London: Mr Gideon Rafael, Israel's Ambassador, described the vote as "the Pearl Harbour of the United Nations". The world body had scuttled its own charter and principles, he said, and November 11, 1975, would be remembered "as a day of infamy and one on which a grievous blow was administered to the moral standards of civilized humanity".

Rome: Libya has demanded the expulsion of the United States and "its pet state of Israel" from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Mr Muhammad Ali Tabou, the Libyan Minister of Agriculture, told the FAO's conference here that "no place should be given among us to colonialist, imperialist, fascist and racist states".

Mr Tabou asked: "Have we the right to provide room within the membership of our organization for countries which feed the peoples and nations of our world with fatal bullets and bombs and impose their control and domination over such peoples and nations?"

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New York revives hope of hand-out

From Peter Strafford
New York, Nov 12

There was a sudden feeling of optimism in New York today that President Ford might be about to change his mind on federal help for the city. New York state officials emphasized that they had no word yet of a decision in Washington, but said that they were waiting to hear something any time now.

Like the officials, Governor *Hugh Carey, of New York State,* was being cautious in his public statements. But he responded positively when a reporter asked him whether his position could not be summed up as: "We think we may have it, but we don't want to upset the applecart, and we certainly don't want to build up false hopes."

Mr Carey paused for a moment, and then replied: "You've said it very well."

The surge of optimism comes after a visit to Washington yesterday by senior officials of the state, who had meetings with Mr William Simon, the Secretary of the Treasury, and Dr Arthur Burns, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board. They explained the package of measures that has been worked out in the past few days as a sign that the state is making serious efforts to solve the crisis.

For once, New York city's problems are not the most immediate. There is a danger that the state housing finance agency might default and so might Yonkers, a city *just north* of New York city.

Frank Vogl writes from Washington: President Ford remains adamantly opposed to any direct financial assistance to New York city but he may now agree to some form of government help to the state of New York.

This is a clear softening of his implacable line and it may be difficult for him to go into reverse after all he has said. Well-informed sources, however, point out that he has never ruled out aid to the state, but only to the city.

Wall Street: Hopes of a New York City rescue helped to boost stocks. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 13.70 points to close at 852.25.

25 years' jail for killer in Israel consulate siege

Johannesburg, Nov 12.—David Protter, aged 26, a former security guard at the Israel Consulate in Johannesburg, was convicted today of murdering an Israeli official during a day-long consulate siege last April. He was jailed for 25 years.

His brother Charles, an accomplice in the siege, was jailed for 30 months.

The sentences imposed on *David Protter, who faced 67* charges, totalled 59 years. But Judge Petrus Cillie said after a Supreme Court trial, which lasted more than four weeks, *that some of the sentences* would run concurrently. The judge said there were extenuating circumstances that ruled out the death sentence.

David Protter was also convicted on 45 charges of assault with intent to murder, 18 charges of kidnapping and three charges under South Africa's arms and ammunition laws. Apart from the murdered security official, 45 people were injured and 18 were held hostage during the consulate siege.

At a preliminary hearing, David Protter had claimed sole responsibility for the violent occupation of the consulate. *The state prosecutor described* him as a man who was determined to be in the limelight and thought he was an expert on security.

His lawyer said he had designed an exercise to test the consulate's security, which he believed to be inadequate. During the trial he said he had been in the Israel and South African armies.—Reuter.

Death sentences on 24 upheld in Zanzibar

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Nov 12

Mr Ali Haji Pandu, the Chief Justice of Zanzibar has upheld the death sentences on 24 people convicted of treason in connexion with the assassination in 1972 of Shaikh Abeid Karume, the head of state.

Those whose appeals have now been dismissed include 14 Zanzibaris who were convicted in their absence last year and are held in jails on the mainland of Tanzania, where the authorities have declined to return them to Zanzibar because of dissatisfaction with the judicial system there.

Among the appeals dismissed is that of Shaikh Abdul Rehman Muhammad Babu, a former Tanzanian Cabinet minister. With the dismissal of 24 of the appeals, the substitution of prison sentences in 10 other cases, and the freeing of five appellants, pressure from Zanzibar for the return of Shaikh Babu and the others held on the mainland is likely to increase.

In his judgment, the Chief Justice said he was satisfied with the evidence of a *plot to* overthrow the Government in 1972.

Progress made in new Rhodesia talks

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, Nov 12

The Rhodesian Government today had a further successful meeting on the constitutional issue with Mr Joshua Nkomo, the African nationalist leader.

The meeting, at the Prime Minister's office, lasted two and a half hours.

In a joint statement the parties said that further progress had been made towards holding a constitutional conference and a further meeting would be held soon.

Two opposition members join Lesotho Cabinet

Maseru, Nov 12.—Chief Lebua Jonathan, the Lesotho Prime Minister, appointed two members of the Opposition to his Cabinet today, in an apparent attempt to achieve political reconciliation.

Chief Jonathan's relations with the Opposition have been strained since 1970 when he seized power in a coup after being defeated in a general election. He ruled by decree until April, 1973, when an interim National Assembly was established.—Reuter.

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Wallace announces last that he will for the presidency

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He is convinced that he will, that his health will stand up to the rigours of the campaign, and that he will carry a large block of votes, Several other candidates for the Democratic nomination (there are now 10 declared and three undeclared) hope to make their fortunes by defeating him, notably in Florida and Georgia.

It is possible that they might succeed, and it is also possible that his health might break. (He was permanently crippled by a bullet during his last presidential campaign in 1972.) The remaining possibility is that he might run on his own next November, as he did in 1968, and carry the south while taking votes from the Democratic candidate in the north.

While everyone can see Mr Wallace dictating his terms in a smoke-filled room in New York, no one can really conceive what those terms might mean. He has no hard political philosophy which he could demand that the party accept.

He told a crowd in Montgomery, Alabama, when he announced his official candidacy this morning, that he was running for the presidency, and would win. If he fails, he could always run for the Senate in 1978, when Senator John Sparkman of Alabama is expected to retire at the age of 79.

Miss Fromme follows her trial on TV

The defence admits a pistol was waved but intent to kill the President has yet to be proved

From Fred Emery
Sacramento, California, Nov 12

"Without Manson I am dead", wails Lynnette Alice Fromme as she again marches from the courtroom in Sacramento, back to her cell, rejecting the judge's offer to let her be present at her trial if she will behave.

But, oddly, without Miss Fromme both the trial and her defence are far from dead. Instead it is the prosecution that is visibly labouring. They have to prove more than the waving of a loaded pistol at President Ford on September 5, which Miss Fromme admits.

What the prosecution must prove is that Miss Fromme "did knowingly and wilfully attempt to kill Gerald R. Ford" as the charge runs. For that it must prove intent to kill, and after a dozen witnesses it is little nearer to it.

The proceedings appear somewhat unsettling for all. Charles Manson, convicted for the 1969 "bloodbath murders" of Sharon Tate and at least six others, is never far from mention.

Miss Fromme, an insistent member of the "murderous family", invokes his name each time she appears, before being silenced by Judge Thomas McBride. Her Fellow Mansonite, Miss Sandra Goode, waits in the wings.

What Miss Goode says, outside the court is partially Miss Fromme's defence—that she never tried to kill Mr Ford, only to cause an uproar that would reopen the Manson case and promote her weird crusade of death threats against industrial polluters.

Judge McBride, of course, has so far denied Miss Fromme the chance to use her campaign for Manson as a legal defence to the charge, and so she boycotts the courtroom.

It is also uncomfortable to observe a trial with the accused replaced by two television cameras. They relay the "show" to her cell. However, it is more practical than gagging and binding unruly defendants.

Mr John Virga, her court appointed counsel, discloses that she is after all cooperating with him and preparing a defence on the environmental issues. These have been introduced into the case by the prosecution through letters Miss Fromme sent to a list of industrialists threatening death for pollution.

What Miss Fromme may have heard so far of the trial proceedings could not have entirely depressed her. In the first direct evidence about the gun seized from her hand, a member of the Secret Service testified that the firing hammer was indeed down, that the barrel slide was uncocked and that there was no round in the chamber. All this confirms that the gun could not have been fired.

The prosecution, through a string of witnesses, attempts to show premeditation. Mr Harold Boro, aged 66, a friend of the defendant, testified at length how Miss Fromme got the gun from him and took it away with ammunition, in spite of his warning that it was too big for her, and his promise to get her another.

He too mentions Manson. "Charlie had a lot of enemies", he said, and Miss Fromme told him she wanted a gun because she felt her own life was in danger.

Another man called for questioning on premeditation was a Manson jail mate who visited Miss Fromme this summer. Mr Lanier Ramer told of Miss Fromme's discussing with him the need for some of the industrialist polluters on her list to be killed as an example.

On what actually happened in the gun play in front of the President, the prosecution produces much repetitive testimony, and the conflicts emerge.

One college girl remembers Miss Fromme saying, "It wouldn't go off", after her capture. "It didn't go off.... Can you believe it didn't go off", is the version sworn by a television news reporter. The disparity is obviously important, because the television man says Miss Fromme seemed to be urging her captors that there was nothing to be so excited about.

France to mediate in Lebanon conflict

Beirut, Nov 12.—The Lebanese Government has agreed to a French diplomatic initiative aimed at safeguarding the independence, sovereignty and unity of Lebanon, the Cabinet announced here tonight.

The chief mediator in this latest effort to end Lebanon's civil war between Muslims and Christians will be M Maurice Couve de Murville, France's former Prime Minister and now chairman of the National Assembly's foreign committee, according to high-level sources in Paris.

The sources said that President Giscard d'Estaing had repeated a suggestion he made last month that France, a traditional friend of Lebanon, should try to help in finding a solution.

M Couve de Murville is familiar with the Middle East, where he served in the 1950s as Ambassador to Egypt. He is expected to hold talks with all the protagonists in the political strife and formulate suggestions, leaving the legally appointed and elected Lebanese authorities to consider, or reject them.

Today's acceptance of the French initiative appeared to resolve a dispute between Mr Rashid Karami, the Prime Minister, and President Suleiman Franjieh. The former, a Muslim, had been cool on the first French offer; the President, on the other hand, did not favour a Syrian mediation as suggested by Mr Karami.

On the military front today, a wave of kidnappings and scattered gunfire kept tension high in Beirut, though the 11-day-old ceasefire seemed to be holding for the most part.—Agence France-Presse and UPI.

Paul Martin writes from Beirut: So deep are the wounds caused by the seven-month conflict that the unthinkable is now being discussed—partition.

Although both sides declare public opposition to such a drastic measure, the right-wing Christian Phalangists have made it all too clear that they would favour partition to anything that would upset the present power distribution in the

Although Mr Pierre Gemayel, the Phalangist leader, has declared his willingness to discuss political and constitutional reforms, he has made it clear that on fundamental issues there is no room for compromise. For instance, the parliamentary and public service distribution ratio of 6-5 in the Christians' favour is, in Phalangist eyes, a safeguard for the Christian community which bears no relation to the sectarian balance in the country.

With the demand for reforms, the unshakable platform of both the Muslims and the left, the room for manoeuvre for both sides is very narrow indeed. Mr Rashid Karami, the tireless Prime Minister who remains a rare symbol of unity amid national disintegration, is anxious to get some sort of dialogue going.

However, the growing despair felt by most was reflected in a comment on partition in *Al Amal*, the Phalangist organ: "If this is what the people want we can only accept it and pray to God it will work".

After the 1958 civil war both Christians and Muslims tended to drift to the safety of their own communities and the latest conflict has drawn in Beirut something approaching the "Green Line" that separates the Greek and Turkish Cypriots in Nicosia. Whatever the politicians say, the *de facto* partition that now exists is something that will be difficult, if not impossible, to undo.

M Couve de Murville: Familiar with problems of the Middle East.

Bodies of TV men killed in Timor are handed over

Jakarta, Nov 12.—The Australian Embassy today received the remains and belongings of five Australian television journalists who were killed in Portuguese Timor more than a month ago.

A senior Indonesian official handed over a letter from the Rajah of Atsabe, Portuguese Timor, confirming that the bodies of four of the journalists had been found in a burnt-out house in the town of Balibo.

The house was being used by left-wing Fretilin troops when the town was captured by pro-Indonesian forces last month. The letter said a fifth body was found later outside the town, and had been burnt for health reasons.

Mr Adam Malik, the Indonesian Foreign Minister, said today that the change of Government in Australia would not affect Australian policy on Portuguese Timor.

President Suharto was given a report on the dismissal of Mr Whitlam as Prime Minister, by Mr Her Tasning, the Indonesian Ambassador to Canberra, who described it as an "Australian internal affair". He also complained that the Australian press had given one-sided reports in favour of the revolutionary Fretilin forces.

"They did not know the real situation in Portuguese Timor", he said. "They supported only the struggle for independence of the Timorese. Because Fretilin claimed it had full control in the area, they supported Fretilin, disregarding the fact that Fretilin's claim was a lie."

Mr Nana Sutresna, spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, denied that Indonesia had protested against reports that a Royal Australian Air Force Neptune reconnaissance aircraft had taken unauthorized photographs of Timor while in Indonesian air space.

Mr Marcus Diduk, the Regent of Belu, in Indonesian Timor, told reporters today that Indonesia had given military training to 702 refugees who returned to Portuguese Timor early this month. About 300 more refugees would be given similar training.—Reuter, AP.

Delhi constitution ruling review refused

Delhi, Nov 12.—The Indian Supreme Court today rejected a Government request for a review of an important 1973 judgment which limited Parliament's powers to amend the constitution.

Mr Justice Ajit Nath Ray, the Chief Justice, said that the bench of 13 judges, formed three weeks ago to reconsider the case, had been "dissolved".

The announcement came on the third day of a hearing on the Government's request. Mr Mami Palkhiwala, a leading constitutional lawyer, had accused the Government of acting with "indecent haste" in seeking a review of what he called the most momentous verdict handed down by an Indian court only two years after it had been given.

The 13 judges ruled in April, 1973, by a majority of seven to six, that Parliament, though supreme, could not alter the basic structure of India's democratic and republican constitution. Some 300 petitions based on the judgment, which also included important rulings on fundamental rights, are pending before the Supreme Court.

The rebuff to the Government came five days after the Supreme Court overturned the conviction of MCrs Gandhi, the Prime Minister, for electoral malpractices by upholding the legality of retroactive legislation Parliament passed in August to rewrite the election laws in Mrs Gandhi's favour.

The court ruled that the rewriting of election laws, even retroactively, was within Parliament's jurisdiction. — Reuter and AP.

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The President is expected to visit Indonesia and the Philippines on the way home. He will presumably not now visit Australia, as was once suggested. This in turn would seem to preclude visits to Singapore and New Zealand, which were once on his tentative agenda.

Pittsburgh: Dr Kissinger said today that Chairman Mao could still express his thoughts clearly and forcefully. Asked at a press conference here about reports that the Chinese leader was so ill his words had to be interpreted by three nurses, Dr Kissinger recalled that he had spoken to him for one hour 45 minutes last month.

"He managed to communicate his thoughts with considerable precision, great vigour and, I must say, considerable profundity."—Reuter.

Turks reject UN Cyprus move

Ankara, Nov 12.—Turkey tonight rejected a United Nations draft resolution calling for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Cyprus, and insisted that Turkish Cypriots be represented at the world body.

Mr Caglayangil, the Foreign Minister, said that any discussions without the Turkish Cypriots would jeopardize the resumption of negotiations, which have been deadlocked since September. He accused the Greek Cypriots of using the General Assembly debate for their own ends.—Reuter.

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Britain winning support for Belize self-determination

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

It is too soon to report a famous victory in Belize; indeed not a shot has been fired. But the situation is looking brighter after the sudden move of British troops there a week ago.

On the diplomatic front, the argument is going Britain's way. Fifty-five countries support a United Nations resolution recognizing the right of Belize to self-determination and independence, and calling for early negotiations between Britain and Guatemala. Only 12 countries have taken the side of Guatemala.

A vote is expected in the General Assembly early next week, and if the resolution is carried by a good majority, it will strengthen Britain's position greatly.

On the military front all is quiet. The British reinforcements, drawn from the Devon and Dorset Regiment are now settled in, alongside the existing garrison from the Glosters. A detachment of Harrier vertical take-off fighters is there to provide air support, and the frigate Nubian is also on station.

But was this show of force really necessary? The answer given in London is that it was a "pre-emptive move", designed to meet the threat of military intervention by Guatemala.

Although there has been no report of fresh Guatemalan troop movements, and the Guatemalans themselves say that their build-up on the borders of Belize was simply exercises, the fact remains that their deployment of armoured troop carriers looked threatening, not to mention the incursion by patrol boats off the coast.

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Bangladesh call for unity by Army leader

Dacca, Nov 12.—Major-General Ziaur Rahman, Bangladesh Army Chief of Staff, has given a warning that "some self-seekers are out to create a sense of frustration and insecurity among the masses".

In a broadcast last night, he appealed for unity among the people and members of the Armed Forces. He said the Government was non-political, neutral and non-partisan and promised that martial law would not be continued beyond the time needed.

A martial law court in Dacca has jailed a former member of the Bangladesh Parliament and four accomplices for life for selling cotton yarn on the black market.—AP and Reuter.

Mr Narayan is released on parole

From Our Correspondent
Delhi, Nov 12

Mr Jayaprakash Narayan, the Indian opposition leader, was released today on parole.

The parole is a conditional release, generally on grounds of health. A prisoner returns to custody after regaining health, and during the parole he undertakes to refrain from participating in any political activity. Mr Narayan, who is 72, was detained on June 26 when the state of emergency was declared in India.

Cook Freeze Catering–food for thought

Increasing costs, shortage of skilled staff and demand for meals at unusual times are forcing caterers to look for alternatives to traditional preparation and cooking methods. The need is pressing where low priced meals in large numbers are concerned.

The Cook Freeze system

Aware of this requirement, The Electricity Council carried out extensive research into catering techniques within one of its own staff restaurant operations, leading to the development of 'Cook Freeze' as it is today. It is a system of preparing and cooking quality food in economic quantities in a central production kitchen, retaining it in a state of 'suspended freshness' by rapid freezing and freezer storage and serving it when required. The Cook Freeze system consists of three main areas of activity. The first, preparation and cooking, and the second, quick freezing and bulk storage, take place at the same location. The third, food reheating and presenting, is carried out at the catering establishment itself, where the finished meal is served to the customer.

Cook Freeze in action

Several applications of the Cook Freeze system in the UK have been closely monitored to establish its potential. Substantial overall savings on cost per meal have been achieved through the more efficient use of skilled labour and space resources. Consumers are satisfied because the quality of meals is controlled at a high level and a varied menu can be provided.

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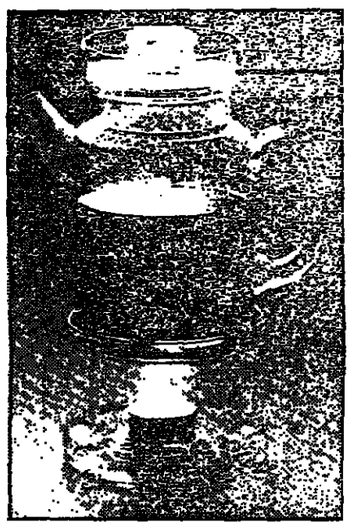
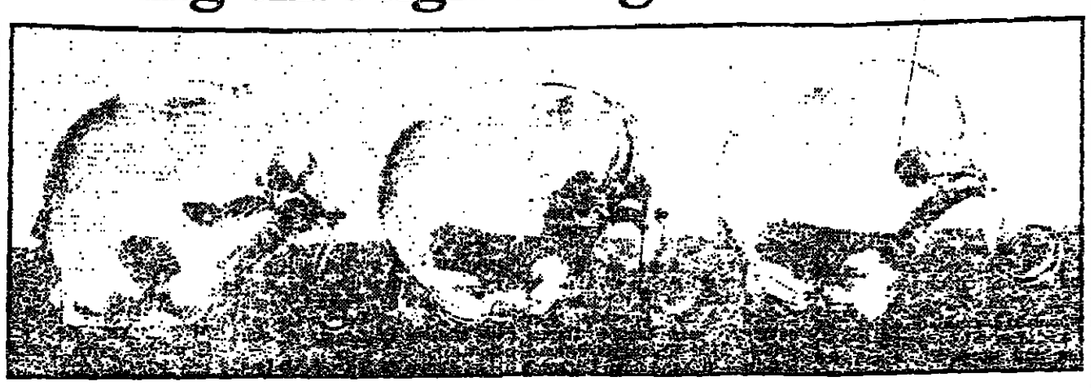
Looking through the glass

Above:
Dartington Glass's little ring tree, £1.95.
Generally available.

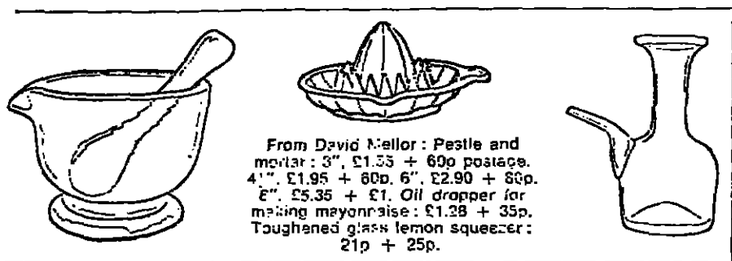
Right:
Iittala's Solaris place settings. Set includes 4 plates, 6½", 8", 10", 14" and a 6¼" bowl. Approximately £1.30 a plate from leading stockists. Further information from Iittala (UK) Ltd, PO box 130, 78 Ashfield, Milton Keynes, MK14 6AT.

Below:
Boda Nova coffee pot with warmer: £17.50, £18.60; small, £12.40, large £13.50 without warmer. From Heal's.



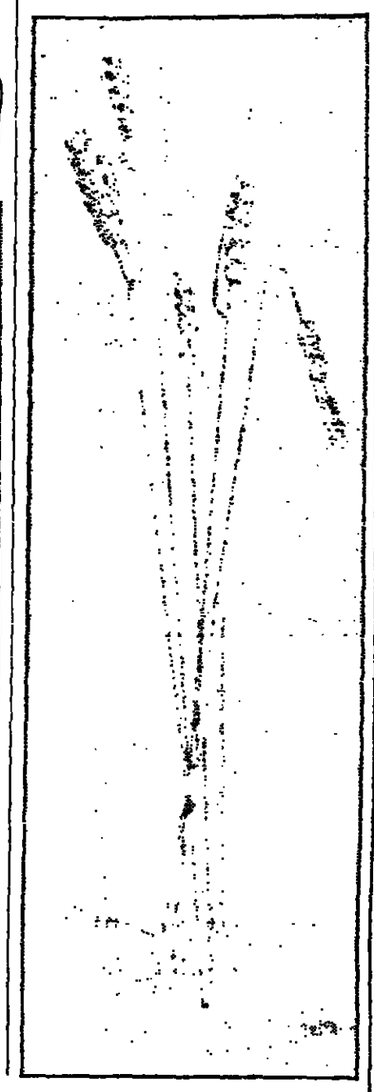


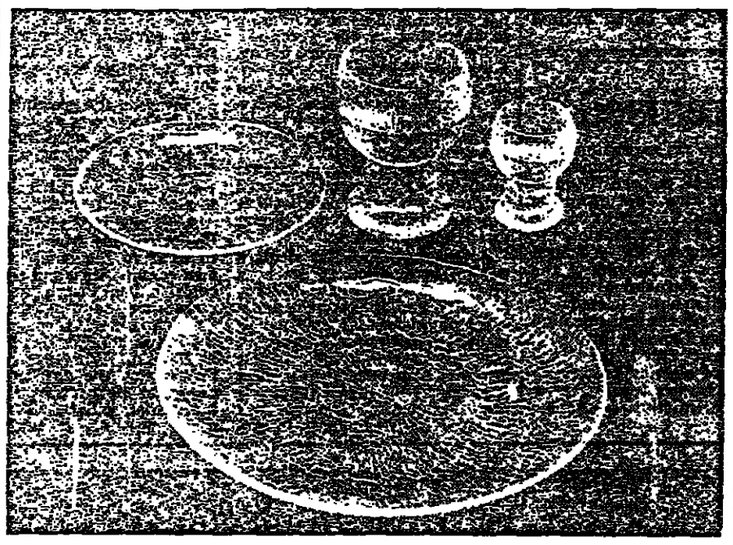
An inch and a half of elephant, 95p each, Heal's.



From David Mellor: Pestle and mortar: 3", £1.55 + 60p postage. 4", £1.95 + 60p. 6", £2.90 + 80p. 8", £5.35 + £1. Oil dropper for making mayonnaise: £1.28 + 35p. Toughened glass lemon squeezer: 21p + 25p.

Below: Wheat ears in a vase, £15 complete, from Heal's.





Left: Denby's Aurora glass. From the centre, goblet, £4.25, wine glass, £3.95, sherry glass, £3.40, old-fashioned glass, £3.75, highball, £4.30. Widely available from Denby stockists.

"Each time you eat a crayfish leg", said my Finnish companion, solemnly, "you must drink a glass of vodka." It was a merry party, eating crayfish specially flown from Finland that morning off Iittala glass plates, looking as though they were carved out of ice. The Finns had helpfully provided maps to eat crayfish by. We all sang Finnish songs, which seem to consist of one word repeated over and over while the company sway to and fro with linked arms (it must have been the vodka). The charm of the Finns was such that four British waitresses were persuaded to sing *Maybe it's because I'm a Londoner* as if we were all living in an old Hollywood movie with the fog swirling around London Town. Outside there was a bomb scare. It was London, all right.

Iittala are fortunate in that they have had two great designers working for them for the past 25 years. Tapio Wirkkala and Imo Sarpaneva have added brilliant modern design to the traditional craft of glass making at the factory set in a little village in the Finnish countryside. The table setting shown is Tapio Wirkkala's "Solaris"—four plates and a bowl—but there is a wide range of designs, each piece with the *little red dot and the* letter 'i' on it, widely available from leading stockists.

Denby is perhaps best known for its pottery, but it also has a range of handsome glass—here is the Aurora glassware collection, handmade, and in four colours, smoke, amber, pink and blue. I think the smoke and amber are the most successful, and the thought of *drinking red* wine out of a blue glass doesn't seem anything other than patriotic. Denby also have Atlantis, a lead crystal range, in six different designs.

Glass in the kitchen is both decorative and practical—as these illustrations taken from David Mellor's *Kitchen Guide*—a catalogue of kitchen tools with a delightful cover by Helen Oxenbury, 25p from David Mellor's Kitchen Shop at 4 Sloane Square, London SW1 *(01-730 4259) or 35p by post.* It is the most delectable place to go and browse, and I defy anyone to go in and not find something they have always wanted *and now must have.*

The glass coffee pot and warmer is part of a set by Boda Nova—which includes casseroles and a teapot. I am assured it is heatproof, but it looks like magic to me. At last you you can watch the tea and coffee brewing and don't have to peer into a murky pot.

Magical, too, is the notion of a ring tree—I had a little ring tree, nothing would it bear except diamonds and emeralds and pearls, perhaps, but it is an old idea brought up to date by Dartington Glass, who also do the handsome candleholder *(not shown)* which would add grace to that pound of candles we all keep stored away just in case.

And for sheer folly and fun, *who would not warm to a very* small glass elephant? A contradiction in terms and materials, if ever I saw one, rather like the vase of glass wheat ears, which I found quite lovely. There is a daffodil (£6), tulip (£8.95), tiger lily (£7.90), iris *(£7.90) and a rose (£7.50).*

The second most important thing about glass is to keep it clean. Everyone has their favourite method, but I prefer that of the cleaning lady who, when asked how she kept the glasses so sparklingly clear, replied briefly "I haaaaaaaaas on them".

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Louis XV silver jardinières set record at £414,545

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

All auction records for antique silver were broken on Tuesday night in Geneva when a pair of magnificent Louis XV jardinières and stands were *sold for two million* francs. The buyer was an unnamed French private collector resident in Switzerland: that means that he would have to pay the full 14 per cent buyer's premium, and the purchase price is equivalent to £414,345. The highest price *previously recorded for* a single lot of silver at auction was £215,000 paid at Christie's in June, 1973, for a pair of Queen Anne chandeliers.

The jardinières, which weigh 17.5 kg, or about 550 oz, are the work of Thomas Germain, goldsmith *and sculptor to Louis XIV.* They date from 1726 and 1728. In an era of great craftsmanship, Germain is respected as the greatest of French eighteenth-century goldsmiths and hardly any of his work has survived.

The jardinières, distinctive with their finely modelled boar's head terminals and hoof feet, are shown in two still-life paintings by Germain's contemporary, Francois Desportes: one in the National Museum, Stockholm, and the other *in a celebrated French collection.*

The sale of important European silver was Christie's most distinguished for many years: the knockdown total exceeded that of any previous silver sale at £826,774, with only 13 per cent unsold.

A silver-gilt Empire library lamp, by Martin-Guillaume Biennais, which had descended in the family of a marshal of the Empire, made *150,000 Swiss francs* (estimate 100,000 to 120,000) or £29,281 with 14 per cent premium. It is one of six ordered from Biennais in 1809 by Napoleon, costing 7,000 francs apiece.

A Renaissance silver-gilt cup and cover, elaborately embossed and with a *figure of Diana as a finial,* made 145,000 Swiss francs (estimate 60,000 to 70,000) or £30,032 with premium.

Yesterday Christie's held an interesting but less spectacular sale of portrait miniatures in Geneva. It made £96,500, with 12 per cent unsold. The top price was 16,000 francs (estimate 4,000 to 8,000) or £3,316 with 14 per cent premium *for a miniature of a woman playing* a harp by Louis Marie Autissier.

In London yesterday Christie's were selling printed books. The top price was £9,900, with premium, for first editions of Galileo's first two books published in 1606 and 1607; both great rarities. They were among a group of books sent for sale by the New York Historical Society, which totalled £66,938.

Prices in a Parke Bernet silver sale in New York on Tuesday could hardly compare with Geneva, but were nevertheless notable *by normal standards.* A German silver-gilt model of a leaping stag, an Augsburg piece of *about 1600, made* $29,000 (estimate 17,500 to 22,500) or £9,676. It came from the estate of Mrs William Randolph Hearst.

There was also a single Louis XV silver caster, 9½ inches high and weighing 26 oz, at $17,000 (estimate $6,000 to $8,000) or £6,234.

At Sotheby's Belgravia yesterday a Victorian Gothic revival high-backed settee in ivory inlaid with hardstone and tortoiseshell was sold for £2,550, with premium; *it dates from about 1850.*

It was in Phillips's house sale at Hampton Court Herefordshire, in 1972 when it made £1,100. The sale of Victorian and Arts and Crafts furniture totalled £27,520, with 6.7 per cent unsold.

A sale of modern British pictures at Sotheby's in Bond Street was a little patchy but reasonably successful in view of economic conditions. *It totalled* £135,781, with about a quarter unsold.

The top price was £7,320, with *premium, for an 8½ inch bronze* maquette of a reclining figure by Henry Moore (estimate £7,000 to £10,000).

£1,000 stamp: The third day of Harmer's specialized sale of British stamps and items from postal history created new records yesterday. A price of £1,000 was *paid* for a mint 1935 2½d Silver Jubilee stamp in Prussian blue; £1,100 for a mint corner block of four of the 1929 £1 Postal Union Congress stamp, and £460 for a mint *1913 £1 green, all of which greatly* exceeded estimates (our Stamp Correspondent writes).

The total for the three days is £91,281.

Law Report November 12 1975 — Queen's Bench Division

Safety of child order made by single magistrate is upheld

Regina v Lincoln (Kesteven) Juvenile Court and Another, Ex parte Lincolnshire County Council

Regina v A Justice for the County of Lincoln (Kesteven), Ex parte VJM (a minor)

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Park and Mr Justice May

An order made for the purpose of putting a child in a place of safety, and signed by a single magistrate, was upheld, even though its effect was to overrule a decision of justices who only three days earlier had given a full hearing to the case and had discharged a care order relating to the child, and even though no new circumstances had arisen since the justices had made that order.

The Divisional Court so decided in refusing an application for an order of certiorari, brought by a father on behalf of a minor, to *quash a place of safety order* made by a Lincolnshire (Kesteven) justice.

Their Lordships also refused an application by the local authority for an order of prohibition to prevent the father from applying to the Lincoln (Kesteven) Juvenile Court for an interim care order in respect of the child.

Section 1 of the *Children and* Young Persons Act, 1969, provides: "(1) Any local authority, constable or authorized person who reasonably believes that there are grounds for making an order under this section in respect of a child *or young person may . . . bring* him before a juvenile court. (2) If the court . . . is of opinion *that any of the following conditions* is satisfied . . . (a) his proper development is being avoidably prevented or neglected or his health is being avoidably impaired or neglected or he is being illtreated; or . . . (b) it is probable that the condition set out in the preceding paragraph will be satisfied in his case, having regard to the fact that the court . . . is or was satisfied in the case of another child or young person who is or was a member of the household to which he belongs; or (c) he is exposed to moral danger . . . the court may . . . make . . . (3) (b) a *supervision order*; or (c) a care order. . . ."

Section 21 (2) reads: "If it appears to a juvenile court . . . that it is appropriate to discharge the order, the court may discharge it and on discharging it may . . . make a supervision order: . . ."

Section 28 reads: "(1) If, upon an application to a justice by any person for authority to detain a child or young person and take him to a place of safety, the justice is satisfied that the applicant has reasonable cause to believe that—(a) any of the *conditions set out in section 1 (2)* (a) to (e) of this Act is satisfied in respect of the child . . . the *justice may grant the application*; and the child . . . may be detained in a place of safety . . . for twenty eight days . . . or for such shorter period . . . as may be specified. . . . (6) If while a person is detained in pursuance of this section an application for an interim order . . . is made to a magistrates' court . . . the court . . . shall either make or refuse to make the order and, in the case of a refusal, may direct that he be released forthwith."

Mr Bernard Livesey for the father; Mr Richard Calder Jose for the local authority.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that on May 2, 1975, a care order was made in respect of a child under section 1 of the 1969 Act. The grounds on which it was made included allegations that *the child's proper* development was being hindered, and she was exposed to moral danger. On May 22, 1975, *the father applied to a* juvenile court under section 21 (2) for the care order to be discharged and a supervision order substituted. The child would then live at home and be visited from time to time by an officer of the local authority. The application came before a juvenile court on October 21. There was a long argument to determine the child's destiny, and at one stage the county council wished to give evidence to the effect that two sisters of the child had been the subject of incestuous associations with the father.

*Objection was made to the ad*mission of that evidence, and it was sustained. However, that was *valuable evidence and should have* been before the court. The justices discharged the care order and allowed the child to go back to her father's house.

The local authority had no right of appeal, but its officers were upset by the decision, and on October 24 one of them went to a magistrate and asked her to make a place of safety order under section 28 of the 1969 Act. The section contained emergency provisions for sending a child to a place of safety if it was in danger. Anybody could go to a magistrate, who could order that the child be sent to a place of safety for a *maximum period of 28 days.* In the present case the local authority officer took the view that the *child was in a place of danger.*

The magistrate was given the whole history, and was told of the Father's relationships with the other children. She signed the order and the child was taken from the father's house that night.

The father said that the order was invalid and should be set aside, and the child should be returned to him. His ground was that it was an abuse of the process of the court to ask the magistrate for an order when only three days had lapsed since a full hearing by the court, and there were no new circumstances to justify an order.

In deciding whether there was an abuse it had to be established that the application to the magistrate was inconsistent with the intention of Parliament, and that the officer was using section 28 *for a purpose for which it was* not intended, with a view to frustrating the decision of the justices.

All the requirements to establish abuse of process of justice were absent. The purpose of section 28 was to place a child that was in actual danger in a place of safety. That was exactly what was in the mind of the local authority. There was no suggestion that the officer was doing other than bona fide applying the section.

Nor could the magistrate be criticized because she genuinely and honestly believed that the child was in danger, and properly exercised the jurisdiction conferred on her. Abuse of the process of the court was not established.

A further application was made by the local authority for prohibition. In the battle, the next move on the part of the father was an application for an interim order under section 23(6) (a care order with a limited duration of 28 days). If the father could persuade the justices, he could get the child back *in his house.* But the local authority contended that it was not open to the father to apply under *subsection (6) because an interim* order is a care order, and a care order could be applied for only by a limited category of persons listed in section 1(1), which category did not include the father.

The Act was not as plain as it might be as to who could apply for an interim order, and his Lordship was not disposed to hold that a father or mother was excluded from applying under subsection (6); it would be very strange if Parliament could shut them out. The father should be able to bring his application before the justices, and let them decide *the matter.*

Both the applications for orders of certiorari by the father and prohibition by the local authority, should be refused.

Mr Justice Park and Mr Justice May agreed.

Solicitors: Andrew & Co; Miss Sarah Gathercole.

Special procedure extended

The Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) Rules 1975 (SI 1975 No 1359) will extend from December 1 the special procedure for the disposal of undefended petitions for divorce or judicial separation. Under the procedure the attendance of the petitioner and solicitor or counsel is not required.

A Practice Note, issued by Mr *D. Newton, Senior Registrar of* the Family Division, states that the extension will apply to petitions pending in a divorce county court "in which (i) the only fact mentioned in section 1 (2) of the *Matrimonial Causes Act, 1973, on* which the petitioner relies in support of the petition is that specified in paragraph (a) (adultery) (c) (desertion for two years) or (e) (five years' separation); (ii) *there are no children of the* family to whom section 41 of the Act applies; and (iii) the respondent and any corespondent against whom costs are claimed has returned to the court office an acknowledgement of service containing a statement to the effect that he does not intend to defend the proceedings. It is considered that a cause in which more than one of the facts mentioned in section 1 (2) (a), (c), (d) or (e) of the Act is relied on is within the scope of the special procedure provided that it satisfies conditions (ii) and (iii)."

The note adds: "A cause in which the fact (or one of the facts) relied on is that specified in section 1 (2) (b) ('behaviour') is outside the scope of the special procedure. Where, however, other facts under section 1 (2) are also relied on in the petition the petitioner may bring the cause within the scope of the special procedure (provided that it qualifies in other respects) by filing and serving on the other parties a notice to the effect that he intends to rely only on the other fact or facts and does not intend to rely on the fact specified in section 1 (2) (b)."

Judge's duty to stop a case

Regina v Barker

When a judge has a duty to stop a case from going to the jury was referred to by the Lord Chief Justice in the Court of Appeal when dismissing a motorist's appeal against conviction.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the basis of the appeal argument that the verdict was unsafe and unsatisfactory was *that the case* should have been stopped because in one passage of his summing up the trial judge seemed to be telling the jury—and it was a possible reading—that they could not convict because of inconsistencies in the evidence of a witness.

Even if the judge had taken the *view that the evidence* could not support a conviction because of inconsistencies, he should nevertheless have left the matter to the jury. It could not be too clearly stated that the judge's obligation to stop the case was concerned primarily with cases where the necessary minimum evidence to *establish the facts* of the crime had not been called. It was not the judge's job to weigh the evidence and decide who was telling the truth and to stop the case merely because he thought the witness was lying. To do that was to usurp the function of the jury. Whatever his personal views, the judge had put the issue fairly before the jury and there was not the slightest reason for thinking that the resultant conviction was unsafe or unsatisfactory.

Approach to fresh evidence

Regina v Melville

Regard must be had to a proper division of responsibility between the Court of Appeal and the Home Office when the court is considering whether to exercise its discretion to admit fresh evidence under section 23(1) of the *Criminal Appeal Act, 1968.*

The Court of Appeal was giving judgment refusing to admit fresh medical evidence on an appeal against conviction for murder. The evidence was intended to show that a defendant convicted of murder was suffering from diminished responsibility at the time of the offence, two years previously.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, sitting with Mr Justice O'Connor and Mr Justice Lawson, said that the *main function of the Court of* Appeal was to supervise the operation of the lower courts and it was *for that reason that the court had* the power to overrule decisions and substitute new punishments. When a defendant had been committed to prison it was not the court's function to be invited *two years after conviction to make* some wholly different order because of a change of circumstances. *Prima facie* the Home Secretary was the proper person to receive any such complaint. The court would not admit the evidence and the appeal would be dismissed.

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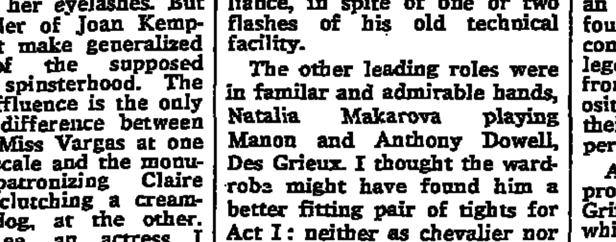

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THE ARTS

Federico Barocci: the creation of masterpieces

The lovely city of Urbino, with its magnificent ducal palace and harmonious brick-paved streets, is famous as the birthplace in 1483 of Raphael, one of the three creators of the High Renaissance. Just over half a century later, however, another painter, Federico Barocci was born (1535) and spent almost his entire working life there, "in the enjoyment of ill-health", until his death in 1612. A comprehensive exhibition of his work, which has been in preparation for several years, can be seen (until Sunday) at the Museo Civico in Bologna, which is much more easily accessible and was able to provide technical and administrative facilities clearly beyond the scope of Urbino. It is directed by Andrea Emiliani, who together with Giovanna Gaeta Bertelà has compiled the scholarly (and modestly priced) catalogue, and the simple, imaginative setting was designed by Leone Pancaldi and executed by Sergio Solmi.

The strongest influence on the young Barocci seems not to have been that of his supposed teachers, Battista Franco and Bartolommeo Genga, nor even that of his famous fellow-citizen, but Correggio, possibly by means of drawings, since Barocci hated travelling, and after a short spell in Rome (1561-63) he never again went far from his native city. His principal undertaking in Rome was the decoration of the *casino* of Pius IV in the Vatican gardens, which to a remarkable degree anticipates Annibale Carracci's *Galleria Farnese* in its combination of illusionistic elements with straightforward narrative scenes within a formal framework.

A number of preparatory drawings are exhibited, but this crucially important aspect of the painter's activity is first really brought home to the visitor in connexion with the *Crucifixion* from the Galleria Nazionale at Urbino. The Virgin stands to the left of the cross gazing upwards, her body twisted round in a way which gives a new dimension to Mannerist distortion: opposite the canvas are displayed the related drawings, the most striking of which, from Berlin, is of a naked youth in precisely this pose, and next to him the same figure with the drapery added.

Barocci's studio practice is fully documented from contemporary sources, and it is one of the most brilliant achievements of the exhibition to have recreated this so vividly, demonstrating virtually every stage of the creation of a major work from the first preparatory sketches, through detailed studies of arms, legs, hands, facial expressions, drapery and even details of landscape to the highly finished small-scale *cartoncino* in chiaroscuro and its full-size successor which was then followed by another small colouristic study before the painter touched the canvas itself. Only the small wax or clay figures which the artist made in order to work out his composition are missing, inevitably, considering their fragility and the fact that their materials were presumably re-used time and again.

Barocci's principal patron was Francesco Maria della Rovere, Duke of Urbino, whose portrait (from the Uffizi) in sumptuously decorated armour reveals a tense, vulnerable man beneath the trappings. (Curiously enough the catalogue makes no mention of the surely autograph version of Alnwick Castle). One of the characteristic window-seats of the ducal palace appears in the background of the National Gallery's charming *Madonna del Gatto*, an instance of Barocci's habit of including familiar or naturalistic details in his pictures, in order to emphasize the everyday relevance of their almost exclusively religious subject-matter. In the marvellously still and spacious *Calling of St Andrew* from Brussels, the shell-fish in the foreground; in the *Visitation* from the Chiesa Nuova in Rome, the cockerels in the basket carried by the figure on the right; in the *Circumcision* from the Louvre the group of bowls and jugs in the lower right-hand corner ("almost worthy of Chardin", in the words of Sir Ellis Waterhouse); the falcon in the tree in the *Stigmata of St Francis* from Urbino, for which a beautiful drawing is exhibited—all serve the same purpose, and are not mere virtuoso exercises.

The newly restored *Martyrdom of St Vitalis* (Milan, Brera) is perhaps the most exciting and impressive picture in the exhibition, with its dramatic composition based on the zig-zag, its beautiful colouring of rich pink-red, lemon yellow, pink shot with lilac and soft brown, and its felicitous details (the dog in the lower right-hand corner with the spade and wicker-covered water bottle), the whole complemented by a group of superb preparatory drawings.

Barocci is equally successful with less crowded compositions, for example in the great *Crucifixion with St Sebastian* from Genoa in which, as the catalogue rightly points out, the beautiful figure of the young saint anticipates Rubens, and that of Christ, Guido Reni.

Crucifixion with St Sebastian

It must be emphasized, however, that this is not an exhibition merely for art-historians, since the unique opportunity it offers to study virtually every stage in the creation of a whole series of masterpieces is profoundly absorbing and revealing.

Jeffery Daniels

Hamlet

Derby Playhouse

Charles Lewsen

Dominating the central shopping precinct and market, Derby's new Playhouse is already in its second month a social centre. Its restaurant and bars are open all day; the small studio theatre, packed for Brecht's *Drums in the Night*, is to double as an old-age pensioners' dancehall; and if anyone has not yet learnt of its existence, he should be made aware by the itinerant company that plans to take *The Strictly Adult Panto Show* round pubs at Christmas.

Most of the 535 comfortable red seats in Roderick Ham's fanshaped auditorium were filled for the opening of *My Fair Lady*; and on Tuesday an audience of all ages buzzed in excited anticipation of *Hamlet* and gave the play enthusiastic attention, responding with nicely modulated humour to the old mole in the cellarage and Ophelia's account of Hamlet's distraction.

An audience of this quality deserves a better production than Mark Woolgar's ill-thought-out show. It has the occasional invention: Claudius uses drink to help persuade Rosencrantz and Guldenstern to spy on Hamlet; but Mr Woolgar's only strategic decision is to place the first interval after "The time is out of joint". That gives us 10 minutes in which to ponder how Hamlet will answer the Ghost's challenge, and should serve Nickolas Grace, who makes some bold statements of Hamlet's madness, staging an epileptic fit for Polonius on "Except my life".

Mr Woolgar is as unhelpful to his players as to the play; Mr Grace is not helped to grade the stages of dementia, real or feigned; nor has Mr Woolgar capitalized on the fact—*vide*, an admirable "what a piece of work"—that his leading player can be most striking in unforced repose. Doreen Mantle admirably delivers the "willows" speech with the weary self-disgust of a rather shallow woman, and Barry Warren firmly conveys Claudius's inability to pray; but these moments are not supported by any sign of the incestuous passion. Similarly a poorly stated relationship with Hamlet diminishes the effect of Jane Wymark's clearly spoken Ophelia.

Happily, Michael Burrell is permitted to make a rich study of his Welsh gravedigger, complacent of logic; and his Polonius, carefully attending to state papers in the Reynaldo scene, is a positive representative of that state which Hamlet believes to be rotten. He points his advice to Christopher Neame's fiery Laertes, so that one knows he once lent money and was betrayed; similar humane insights inform his circumlocutions, which grow not so much from failing powers as from embarrassment at having forced his daughter to drive Hamlet mad. It is splendid to see Mr Burrell's powers of survival when abandoned by a director. RSC, National and Royal Court, take note.

Photograph by Donald Cooper

Pamela Charles, Stephanie Voss and Penelope Lee

Cranford

Theatre Royal, Stratford E

Irving Wardle

Pulling itself back from the total disintegration of its recent free-for-all shows, Theatre Workshop is once more raising the banner of classical standards and ensemble discipline. Under Maxwell Shaw, and with a season of Dickens and Peacock adaptations, it seems that the Stratford fun palace is in the process of changing into an outpost of respectable Victorian culture.

The opening show is best viewed as a promise of better things to come. I do not know how faithful Joan Littlewood and John Wells have been to Mrs Gaskell's novel, but if the intention was to paint a gently sympathetic portrait of a Lancashire spinster community, then something has gone wrong. The plot, for one thing. Told in a series of tiny scenes, the story centres on Miss Matty, a rector's daughter who lost her chance of marriage and shrivelled into the life of an old maid in a society of women generally more censorious and petty than herself. Halfway through she finds her lover again, but alas he takes a rash trip to Paris from which he never recovers.

The early part of Matty's story is narrated in benighted flashbacks from which the only clear picture that emerges is of two middle-aged people acting like teenagers in the moonlight. Moving forward, Matty, now as delicately lifeless as one of her own pressed flowers, becomes an object of far less interest than the backbiting company round her. Not that they emerge in any great detail. Gaby Vargas gives a sharply funny sketch of an ex-milliner hanging on to Cranford gentility by her eyelashes. But the remainder of Joan Kemp-Welch's cast make generalized mockery of the supposed foibles of spinsterhood. The degree of affluence is the only discernible difference between them, with Miss Vargas at one end of the scale and the monumentally patronizing Claire Davenport, clutching a cream-gorged lapdog, at the other. Penelope Lee, an actress I much admired in Kroetz's *Stallerhof*, takes simpering pathos beyond all bounds in the central role.

This being a Theatre Workshop show, it is also, of course, a musical. In this case that means a relentlessly intrusive score by Carl Davis, varying from pastiche Mozart to folk-song and Victorian tarantellas, for a three-piece band. Despite its variety, the manifest purpose is to avoid vulgarity at all costs: and Mr Davis pays the price for this in academic lifelessness. It would not be surprising to be told that he had ransacked the lot from Stainer.

It is reassuring to find this company setting about a stylistic reform, but so far it can be saluted only for its good intentions.

In memoriam

Manon

Covent Garden

John Percival

Tuesday's performance of *Manon* by the Royal Ballet, the first this season, was dedicated to the memory of Hilda Gaunt, who died a month ago. For more than 40 years she was rehearsal and solo pianist with the company, endearing herself to her colleagues not least by her wartime service when she and Constant Lambert accompanied every performance on two pianos, that being the only way to keep the company going.

Her connexion with *Manon* was that she collaborated with Leighton Lucas in arranging the Massenet score. Confined mainly to the lesser works of a minor composer, their task was not enviable, but the Covent Garden Orchestra did its best on Tuesday to gloss over the insipidities and make the most of the lush passages. Barry Wordsworth, brought into the Garden from the touring company, conducted with sympathetic understanding.

There was a new Lescaut at this performance: Michael Coleman, replacing the injured David Wall. His comic drunken solo and duet with Monica Mason in the second act lacked the finesse of his predecessors in the part, but its broad comic strokes worked well enough. A similar rough and ready approach to the more melodramatic episodes, however, proved less happy. His solo in the first scene lacked the expected brilliance, in spite of one or two flashes of his old technical facility.

The other leading roles were in familar and admirable hands, Natalia Makarova playing Manon and Anthony Dowell, Des Grieux. I thought the wardrobe might have found him a better fitting pair of tights for Act I: neither as chevalier nor as seminarist does Des Grieux seem the sort of man to go about with wrinkles round his knee. With performers who throw themselves as intensely into their roles as this couple, every tiny detail counts, as Dowell himself made clear by the way his stubbled chin on arriving in New Orleans reflected the character's degradation.

Both Makarova and Dowell were at their best in these final scenes, dancing with a stark desolate manner, but throughout the ballet they made the most of every shifting emotion.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

The Musical Time Machine

BBC 2

Stanley Reynolds

The Musical Time Machine is a box of liquorice allsorts (although there is sticky marzipan, candy floss, bubble gum, and even old-fashioned schmaltz inside as well) so perhaps I should go back and start on a new metaphor. The show, starring Vince Hill and a computer called Eric, each week features clips from old films and several guest stars; plus the albatross charm of the Young Generation song and dance troupe.

I watched the first edition last week and despite Vince Hill, the Young Generation and the cheeky chappie jokes devised for Eric, the title's time machine, there were The Three Degrees as guest stars and some nice footage from old movies in which some of the very best of show tunes were sung. Mr Hill also supplies the sort of information sports fans and showbiz buffs love: on Tuesday, for example, we learned that *The Music Man* ran for 1,375 nights. What use such information is I do not know but evidently it satisfies some dark need.

The trouble with the programme is not really that it is a computerized *Black and White Minstrels* in which great songs are slaughtered, although that charge could be levelled. Personally, I do not mind Mr Hill singing Harold Arlen—"The Blues in the Night" "That Old Black Magic", "Stormy Weather"—the songs are good enough to stand almost anything. The fault lies in the pot-pourri format; and it is a basic flaw.

The show tries to be all things to all ears, at least in the popular field. Tuesday's guests were Dionne Warwicke, the Bay City Rollers and a lovely blonde named Polly Brown who wore nothing under a dress which was practically absolutely nothing at all. I forget her voice. But who can like both Harold Arlen and the Bay City Rollers? Still, one puts up with the 45-minute musical omnibus ride for the good moments when the clips from the old films are shown. I suppose it would be unkind and a trifle penny-pinching to suggest that the BBC get rid of all the misters in between. Anyway, who wrote that song? In what year? And how many did it sell? Perhaps Eric will oblige.

Alberni Quartet

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Stephen Walsh

Mendelssohn's and Schumann's string quartets are about equally neglected, and with equal injustice, so it was a treat to hear works by both in Tuesday's concert by Alberni.

The comparison was indeed absorbing. Mendelssohn's A minor Quartet is a shining example of his gift for cushioning novel ideas with writing that lies well for the instruments, whereas Schumann's A major is typically awkward, often ineffective, but also original and imaginative, a triumph of fantasy over natural talent.

Which of the two would one rescue first from a burning library? Probably the Mendelssohn, if only because the Schumann almost defies successful performance, while the Mendelssohn attracts it. The Alberni left little doubt of their own preference. The Schumann taxed them, both in matters of individual technique, and over the question of producing a truly coherent, spontaneous-sounding interpretation. Schumann, an extempore pianist, seldom made allowance for the practical difficulty of getting four players to share an impromptu vision. Mendelssohn, by contrast, could make any number of players feel like one, and that was certainly the impression left by this polished, elegant, yet also eloquent account of his Opus 13, written when he was 20.

We also heard Beethoven's F minor Quartet, one of the many sources of Mendelssohn's oddly eclectic yet individual-seeming work. Here the playing was almost too urbane, beautiful certainly (both violinists made an exquisite sound) and excellent in every way except that it failed to capture the ferocity which is such a crucial part of the music. An enjoyable concert, though, and a great credit to Harlow New Town.

London debuts

Not content just with programming MacDowell's *Eroica* Sonata, Phillip Guillaume played it with a commitment that more circumspect pianists might prefer not to reveal in this unfashionable yet surprisingly unfaded music. He made an imaginative response to the four movements, which form a commentary on the Arthurian legend, their manner deriving from nineteenth-century virtuosity imported from Europe, their matter considerably more personal, and poetic.

Another American work that proved to be alive and well is Griffes's Sonata, a violent score which explores recondite climates of feeling and gave rise to Mr Guillaume's best playing. Copland's Variations brought us if not up to date then at least up to 1930—although the composer has written nothing more starkly pungent in the succeeding 45 years. One hesitates to condemn this piece's successful attempt at deriving music from such absolutely minimal thematic resources, yet the resulting sequence of abstractions did seem rather arid when juxtaposed with MacDowell and Griffes, although this was not due to any omissions on Mr Guillaume's part.

Another pianist, Barbro Jansson, gave a flat though fluent account of Mozart's Variations K179, but showed more warmth and flexibility in the Beethoven Sonata Op 27 No 1. She reacted well, indeed, to the first movement's rather obviously quite touching experience of the contrasting elements, made a Adagio, and was spirited yet untidy in the finale. Hilding Rosenberg's Improvisations of 1939 offered late, or belated, romantic thoughts but were commendably brief. This work received an excellent performance, yet Miss Jansson showed more imaginative sympathy with Chopin's B minor Sonata. Not a sensational reading but a soundly musical one, this included some moments of real perception, despite a few minor lapses of memory.

Andrew Maddocks seemed out of breath in Purcell's "Hark! the echoing air", and in a dozen songs by Richard Strauss revealed no apparent understanding of Lieder. True, there was a rudimentary attempt at contacting each piece's basic character, but no coherent ideas were evident on phrasing, accent, or the expressive use of tone, and the actual production of his baritone voice was always laboured, the pitching inaccurate. Ten songs by Finzi were similarly divested of their real qualities, and the evening's only consolation was the fine accompanying of Terence Rodbard, whom I hope to meet again in happier circumstances.

Max Harrison

... Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and Mr P. Nicholls. ... ... at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to ...

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SPORT

Football

Fifty thousand brave souls in vain search for old glory

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent

Tottenham H 0 West Ham 0

The score line tells most of the story and now Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham Utd, still locked in the fourth round of the Football League Cup must replay at Upton Park on Monday week for a place in the quarter-final round. Here are the last representatives of London. Tottenham have twice won this trophy, West Ham never. Yet West Ham are now perched high at the top of the first division and have also won a place in the quarter-final round of the Cup Winners' Cup. Both sides—especially Spurs—were unable to rise above the expected or even the mediocre, though there were moments before half time when West Ham with a bit of thought and creativity, threatened to break the deadlock.

On a bitterly cold night all this activity was apparently sufficient to keep a near 50,000 crowd bawling, probably in an effort to keep their circulation going. If this gathering was almost a throwback to the old glory-glory days of the Spurs, the football itself certainly was not. Indeed most of one's thoughts on the night were far away at Oporto, wondering what was happening between Portugal and Czechoslovakia and whether England's last chance of a place in the last eight of the European championship were going down the drain.

What little imagination and invention there was belonged to West Ham in the first half when they twice came near to scoring; against this all the restless energy and work rate of Tottenham.

Unfortunately their midfield trio of Pratt, Perryman and Coates had neither the skill nor the wit to open up the opposition. They played in one gear—that was top, with a motto of "Full speed ahead and damn the torpedoes". That first half belonged to West Ham.

Twice inside the opening half-hour Alan Taylor nearly found the target; the first after a fluent move between himself, Robson, Paddon and Brooking; the second after a probing central run into the box by Holland, which was only rescued on the very goal line by a brave tackle on the part of McAllister when Taylor was about to turn Coleman's cross past home.

On the stroke of the interval, too, a quick break by Coleman, Robson and Brooking saw the last named break through only to be pulled down by a rugby tackle by Naylor as he neared the penalty area—an action which saw the Tottenham man rightly booked.

The second half turned more towards Tottenham with that tireless physical energy and it was an hour before Day was forced to make his first real save of the match when he tipped a rising shot by Osgood sweetly over his bar. Yet it was within two minutes of the final whistle that West Ham almost won the match that sensitivity earned. But Paddon somehow or other missed a cross by Alan Taylor almost on the goal line after three Tottenham defenders had become so bemused that they almost stamped on each other's fingers and toes.

Holland was the one man capable of putting his foot on the ball, slowing the action and thinking; Alan Taylor showed a balance and a smooth anticipation which promises even for his future. At times these two were the ones who twinkled momentarily like a pintable. Tottenham's energy was boundless but basically they were unable to shake their minds out of a rut so that finally one was forced to strangle a yawn with freezing hands.

This is not to trivialize all the effort not that there is too much of this in the modern game. Both sides—especially Spurs—have inherited a great past but now in terms of deep artistry of a Real Madrid this game in the last analysis took its place in the dole queue.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: P. Jennings; T. Naylor, D. McAllister, J. Pratt, W. Young, K. Osgood, R. Coates, S. Perryman, J. Duncan, (sub A. Conn); C. Jones, J. Neighbour.
WEST HAM UNITED: M. Day; J. McDowell, K. Lock, W. Bonds, J. Taylor, R. Coleman, A. Taylor, G. Paddon, P. Holland, T. Brooking, K. Robson.
Ref: M. V. Sinclair (Surrey).

Tueart (left) scores Manchester City's first goal last night.

Overwhelming defeat is summed up in the first 35 seconds

By Gerald Sinstadt

Man City 4 Man Utd 0

A meeting of the two halves of Manchester's football often resembles a war of attrition. Last night, in the fourth round of the Football League Cup, United's overwhelming defeat evoked thoughts of the charge of the Light Brigade. Ill-equipped to defend, the young red galloats swept forward in wave after wave of attack and were picked off with cool and deliberate ease.

A goal up in the first minute, three in front at the interval, City were able to absorb the early loss of Bell, their England midfield player, without undue concern. Where United were fast and frantic, City found pace from incisive, accurate passing and devastating short bursts of acceleration.

Tueart set the example with some splendid running and, in the second half, Barnes was encouraged to follow his example. Both benefited from the usual diffidence of Royle to take the bumps in the middle and from the total absorption of Hartford, tackling, passing and shooting like a man with a point to prove.

The first 35 seconds were the whole game in microcosm. Almost from the kick-off Manchester City were awarded a free kick wide on the left. As the ball was driven into the penalty area Watson's header, Royle's header and Bell's shot were blocked in turn before Tueart blasted home from short range.

Three minutes later Bell was prostrate in one penalty area, Pearson in the other. Neither incident produced a free kick but City lost the services of Bell, who was taken off on a stretcher suffering from a badly torn muscle at the back of the thigh.

The opinion from the club doctor was that Bell was certain to miss England's critical European championship match in Portugal next week. City brought on Booth, their substitute. Basically a central defender but more recently a goal-scoring centre forward, he nevertheless took on a midfield role here, not as to the manner born but effectively enough.

Before the quarter hour, City increased their lead. Oakes, a veteran of 22 previous Manchester derbies, began the move with an unhurried 40-yard pass to the wing. Domachie's centre found Royle's head and Hartford hammered in the shot. United's inclination to press forward regardless was already looking foolhardy rather than brave.

On the half-hour, their defensive flimsiness was again exposed by an error in the centre circle by Buchan. Tueart, left with the ball at his feet and Houston backing off without cover, ran unchallenged to the edge of the penalty area and his shot from 15 yards went under Roche's dive.

Manchester United must yet be given credit for attempting to fight back. In the first half Coppell and Pearson both saw shots cleared off the line. Then in quick succession headers from Pearson were cleared by Hartford and by a brilliant save by Corrigan.

The City goalkeeper also dived to turn aside a fierce free kick by Houston and in the second half did well to turn over a shot that caded a clever run by McIlroy. But once again United were caught by a counter-attack. Domachie's pass found Barnes on the left touchline. Where often he had tended to over-embroider, the young winger this time centred quickly and Royle struck the ball past Roche on the volley.

The night sky was filled with City jubilation. For United's supporters there was a journey home with much food for reflection. If United are to capitalize on their fine start in the league, they will need to think hard about the lessons they learned from their neighbours.

MANCHESTER CITY: J. Corrigan; K. Clements, W. Donachie, M. Doyle, D. Watson, A. Oakes, P. Barnes, G. Bell (sub T. Booth), J. Royle, A. Hartford, D. Tueart.
MANCHESTER UNITED: P. Roche; J. Nicholl, S. Houston, T. Jackson (sub D. McCreery), B. Greenhoff, M. Buchan, S. Coppell, S. Mellor, S. Pearson, L. Macari, G. Daly.
Referee: J. Taylor (Wolverhampton).

Mansfield lift depression by happy coincidence

By Norman Fox

Mansfield 1 Wolverhampton 0

Some 46 years ago when Mansfield Town were not members of the Football League, they gained recognition by beating Wolverhampton Wanderers at Molineux in the third round of the FA Cup. Since then they have not exactly packed their cupboards with silverware and today they are bottom of the third division. Obviously, then, their days of glory are widely spaced and so the fact that last night they reached the last eight of the Football League Cup by again beating Wolves at Field Mill was a long-awaited coincidence, though one they thoroughly deserved.

If Cup football is supposed to be the great leveller, then depression, poor form and the simple, frustrating inability to take chances are problems that can be shared by teams of any station. Wolves, of the first division, had virtually nothing to distinguish them from a team who had lost all but one of their previous 12 third division games, a situation that was easily understood by the manner in which Mansfield missed half a dozen clear opportunities before succeeding with one after 37 minutes.

In simple terms of possession and understanding Mansfield were the superior team, as they had been against Coventry City in the previous round—a condemnation of the standards of the first division clubs, or at least the amount of effort they are prepared to put into this competition.

Mansfield were not as poor as their league position suggested, but not as good as Wolves made them appear. In the first half an hour they made Wolves squirm with embarrassment. They gave the impression of being unmoved by the occasion, which was not particularly difficult as the town was hardly aflame with expectation. Indeed, Mansfield squandered more chances than Wolves created moves.

Mansfield's manager, David Smith, had assured us all before the game that his team had often deserved four or five goals when they had lost by one. That took some believing until the evidence unfolded as Bird kicked two shots wide from a range of a few yards and Clarke and Eccles made similar mistakes from slightly more difficult positions. But in time Wolves collapsed, seemingly more easily than those third division sides who so often deprive Mansfield of their desserts.

In the 37th minute Hodgson collected a throw from Pate and turned quickly enough to leave McDonald unmarked inside the penalty area and his shot took a slight deflection which may have deceived Pierce. In the Wolves goal, but would have reached its target in any case. Wolves made a slight improvement in the second half when Kindon was brought on to add some powerfully obstinate running that only accentuated the lack of skill amongst the other forwards.

MANSFIELD TOWN: P. Evans; A. Hollis, B. Foster, McDonald, L. Mullen, K. Bird, P. Matthews, T. Eccles, R. Clarke, G. Hodgson, I. MacKenzie.
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS: G. Parkes, G. Palmer, D. Parkin, G. Sidebottom, J. Munro, J. Mexlin, K. Hibbitt, W. Carr (sub, S. Kindon), J. Richards, A. Sunderland, S. Daley.
Referee: D. Richardson (Blackburn).

Gordon Hill, Millwall's exciting 21-year-old wing prospect, has signed for Manchester United for a fee in the region of £90,000. Millwall's leading scorer with nine goals this season, Hill travelled to Manchester yesterday to complete the signing.

Manchester United showed an interest in the player earlier this year, but Millwall's asking price proved too much. Gordon Jago, the London club's manager, who is determined to get them back into the second division at the first attempt, needs money to spend on new faces. The sale of Hill will help towards that end.

"Naturally, I'm disappointed to lose a player of Gordon's ability, but several things had to be taken into account", Mr Jago said. "From Millwall's point of view, with the gates averaging only 7,000, the economics of a move with this size of fee had to be considered by the board.

Russia in quarter-final

Kiev, Nov 12.—The Soviet Union tonight defeated Switzerland 4—1 to win Group six in the European championship and qualify for the quarter-final round.

The Soviet team, except for defender Lovchev, of Spartak Moscow, was made up of Dynamo Kiev players. They attacked from the start and ensured their victory with two quick goals.

In the 13th minute Konkov hit a hard shot from long range to which goalkeeper Burgener got a hand, but it bounced over him into the top of the net.

A minute later Veremeyev lofted a free kick to the front of the Swiss goal and Onishchenko nodded it in.

In the 45th minute Switzerland scored when a corner kick sailed into the home defence area. Two defenders tried to head the ball clear, but it went straight to Riese who scored from short range.

In the second period the home team's tempo slackened, but they still controlled the game. In the 68th minute Konkov sent another hard shot towards goal and again Burgener couldn't hold it. The ball bounced free and Onishchenko was there to net the third goal. Veremeyev made it 4—1 in the 81st minute with a shot that Burgener got his hands to but could not stop from going in to goal.

Remaining fixture: Turkey v USSR, November 23.—Agencies.

Bowles doubtful for Portugal game

Stan Bowles is doubtful for Queens Park Rangers' visit to Ipswich on Saturday and England's European championship match in Portugal next Wednesday. Bowles had treatment at Loftus Road yesterday. He has a bruised knee in addition to the thigh muscle he strained against Newcastle United.

Czechoslovakia draw

Czechoslovakia drew 1—1 with Portugal in Oporto last night and join England at the head of group one in the European championship, although with an inferior goal average. They scored in the seventh minute through Ondrus but Nene equalized in the next minute, only to miss a penalty in the next. England still have a chance, albeit slim, of qualifying

Yesterday's results

League Cup: Fourth round

Man C (3) 4 Man U (0) 0
Tueart
Hartford (2)
Royle
Mansfield (1) 1 Wolves (0) 0
McDonald
Tottenham (0) 0 West Ham (0) 0
Replay: November 24

Second division

Oxford U (0) 0 West Brom (1) 1
5,685 Mayo

Scottish Premier division

Ayr U (1) 2 Celtic (5) 7
Graham (pen) Evaldson (3)
Doyle Deans (2)
Dalglish
McDonald
Rangers (1) 4 Dundee U (0) 1
Parlane Sturrock
Forsyth
Jackson
Macdonald

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group six: USSR 4, Switzerland 1. Group one: Portugal 1, Czechoslovakia 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	5	3	1	1	10	2	7
Czechoslovakia	5	2	1	2	12	7	5
Portugal	4	2	0	2	7	6	4
Cyprus	4	0	0	4	0	12	0

Today's football

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Second round replay: Worcester v Redditch (7.30).
OTHER MATCH: Cambridge University v West Ham United XI (2.15).
RUGBY LEAGUE: Players No 6 second round replay: Leeds v Hull (7.30).

Bowlers

Cricket

Chappell warned about his future conduct

Adelaide, Nov 12.—Ian Chappell, the former Australian Test captain, tonight was warned that he was liable to suspension if he were reported again for misconduct. The warning was issued by a subcommittee of the South Australian Cricket Association and followed incidents during a Sheffield Shield match against New South Wales which ended on Monday. Chappell is the South Australian captain.

He was reported by the umpires for two overs of head-high full tosses to New South Wales batsmen on Sunday and for his on-field language. No action was taken against him, but the committee said they were disappointed at his behaviour.

His attention was again drawn to an instruction from the Australian Cricket Board to all players that they faced suspension for conduct detrimental to the game. When the meeting ended Chappell stormed out of the Cricket Association headquarters, refused to talk to the press and television, and headed for the state practice nets some 200 metres away.

Ian and Greg, his brother, will be in opposition as captains at the Adelaide Oval on Friday when South Australia meet Queensland in a Sheffield Shield match.—Agence France Presse.

DUBBO: Tour match (160 minutes 8 sides): Western NSW Country XI, 152 for 4 (K. Spruell 40, D. Murray 39*); West Indians 312 for 6 (L. A. Richards 110, C. G. Greenidge 95, A. I. Kallicharran 39*). West Indians won by 8 wkts and batted on.

Moor Park chosen

The venue for the new golf tournament, sponsored by Uniroyal, in 1976 is to be Moor Park. The 72-hole stroke-play event will have total prize money of £25,000, and will be played during the week of June 21-26.

Athletics

Three cases for revealing names of guilty

By Neil Allen
Athletics Correspondent

Athens, Nice and London's Crystal Palace national sports centre were the scenes of three major athletics fixtures last summer at which competitors were tested "positively" for the illegal anabolic steroids. One case was detected at the European Cup semi-final round at Crystal Palace on July 12 and 13. The second was at the Cup final in Nice on August 16 and 17. But the most alarming was the third in Athens, now awaiting only a final technical query to the local laboratory, because it occurred on the occasion of the European junior championships last season.

The European Athletic Union have decided that six other cases, found positive on a first screening, should lead only to a severe warning to the national federations of the countries of the competitors concerned. What to do about the three other cases is now a matter for the International Amateur Athletic Federation's council and its president, Lord Exeter. Under the rules of the IAAF, the athletes concerned must be suspended from competition.

Though the European association decided, in Rome last weekend, not to reveal the names of the individual athletes, the international federation have the power to do so. If the IAAF intends to deter athletes from the present widespread use of steroids—and one Scandinavian country found recently, in an internal survey, that 30 per cent of its national team was "cheating" in this way—then they must announce the names of the guilty.

Bronislaw Malinowski, of Poland, the European steeplechase champion, is a notable addition to the field for the international cross-country race at Gateshead on November 29.

Motor racing

Gulf Oil to withdraw from racing

Gulf Oil Company are withdrawing from motor racing. The company have been continuously engaged in the sport for nine years and have achieved considerable success.

The results attained from their racing programme have, they say, been highly gratifying from the standpoint of research and, as an aid to marketing, by public demonstration of the company's products under the most competitive conditions.

It was felt that the more immediate objectives had been attained and the time had come to pause and assimilate the lessons which had been learnt. The decision to withdraw was also influenced, to a large extent, by the current uncertainty regarding the future of sports car racing, with which Gulf have been most closely identified.

Appeal by Widnes

The Rugby League appeals board will sit next week to consider an appeal by Widnes against the suspension of James Mills, their prop forward, until January 2. Mills was suspended after being sent off when playing for Wales against New Zealand.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal Canadiens 6, Minnesota North Stars 0; St Louis Blues 6, New York Rangers 3; Los Angeles Kings 5, California Golden Seals 2; Vancouver Canucks 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 2.
WORLD ASSOCIATION: Quebec Nordiques 6, Minnesota Fighting Saints 5; Houston Aeros 5, Toronto Toros 4; Cleveland Crusaders 3, Winnipeg Jets 2; Calgary Cowboys 6, Edmonton Oilers 3.

Weightlifting

ARKHANGELSK: Super-heavyweight: clean and jerk: I. V. Alexeyev (USSR), 345 kilos (761lb, new world record). Snatch, clean and jerk: I. V. Alexeyev, 430 kilos (948lb, new world record).

Rugby Union

An Australian effort under lights which lacked poise and control

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Midland Cties (E) 11, Australians 8

Midland Counties (East) in their time—though not notably on recent tours here—have usually given overseas visitors a tough time of it, and they came up trumps again at Leicester last evening with a well deserved victory by a penalty goal and two tries to two tries. It was in many ways a thoroughly poor and disappointing night for the Australians, who looked disorganized and uneasy in their first experience of a match under floodlights in this country. But let me not detract from the Counties' staunch and well disciplined virtues.

They fashioned two fine scores, contained, through their loose trio, of whom Adey and Phillips were outstandingly hard and effective workers, the threat of Loane and company at close quarters, and tackled, from front to back, like heroes. Hare, goal-kicking apart, never put a foot wrong at full back. George used the breeze skilfully to keep the opposition at arm's length in the second period. And Counties did all this without the lineout skills of Wilkinson, who was carried off, to be replaced by Clayton, after 20 minutes. Wilkinson had a nasty gash on the thigh.

Little went right for the Australians who sometimes looked a little uncomfortable in the tight, where they yielded two strikes to Wheeler, and overall made far too many basic errors in handling, distribution and even judgment. McLean had an off night with his boot. Wright again looked short of confidence, even edgy, at stand-off half, and he did not straighten his line. Hillhouse in the later stages won a good share of lineout ball but little of it turned out gilt edged. Towards the end, the side lost two critical, successive mauls they had themselves set up. A lot seemed to depend on whether Hipwell could do the trick. All in all, it was a performance that lacked poise and control, and one they might do well to have got out of their system at this early stage.

The Australians created the greater number of scoring chances in a scrappy first half but went short of lineout possession until Wilkinson's departure snatched at too many passes and generally failed to add the final gloss. Counties, however, should have taken the lead when Ryan almost immediately was penalized for a dangerously high tackle on Hare, who then, perhaps still groggy, missed his kick from 30 yards.

A good tackle by Hare stopped the flying Monaghan at the corner after a shrewd, long pass from Weatherstone. Then Monaghan, the line in his sights, knocked on after a burst from the lineout by Pearse and Loane, and a switch play by Hipwell from the ruck.

Counties briefly took the lead, after 39 minutes, when Adey tickled the ball back from a scrummage, George fed Dodge on the short side and the 17-year-old Leicester centre gave a perfectly timed pass, and just enough room, to his wing for Parker to crash through three would-be tacklers arriving simultaneously. An excellent try. Five minutes later, still in the first half, Hipwell burrowed over on the short side of a scrummage by the flag.

The Australians for some while had been reduced to running out of defence when they were penalized at a ruck forced by French after Oldham had run back a poor kick from Wright, and Hare re established the Counties lead with a comfortable penalty. Hare missed another, certainly not difficult, after yet another indifferent kick by the young Australian stand-off. Hare repaid this on with a fine charge through the middle and Hipwell fell offside.

Wheeler roared over from a Australian throw at a lineout but the Counties were penalised and then, with about 15 minutes to maining, the Australians lost the own maul, Adey fed George, w French (who might have passed could be totally forgiven for lovely little diagonal grubber th Parker ran on to for his secon try.

McLean missed a couple of lo kicks, Hare one, and then in last desperate Australian rall Hipwell put in Monaghan by t flag, directly from a scrummag

MIDLAND COUNTIES (East): W. Hare (Nottingham); B. J. V. Oliffe (Northampton), N. French (Wasps), P. Dodge (Leicester), R. Pearse (Northampton); R. McMichael (Wellington), I. R. George (Northampton), J. Pearce (Nottingham), P. J. Wheeler (Leicester) (captain), W. Dickins (Richmond), R. M. Wilkinson (Bedford), Rob. Clayton, Nottingham), W. Gulliphant (Loughborough), C. Jones, P. R. Sweet (Northampton), G. Adey (Leicester), G. N. Phillips (Northampton).
AUSTRALIANS: P. E. McLean; J. Ryan, L. J. Weatherstone, N. Nicholl, L. E. Monaghan; K. J. Wright, J. N. B. Hipwell (captain); Graham, G. M. Cuthbert, J. E. Honeyman, D. W. Hillhouse, G. F. Pearse, M. E. Loane, G. Cornelsen.
Referee: K. H. Clark (Ireland).

One-man variety performance

By Gordon Allan

Surrey 55 pts Sussex 0

Sussex, who had already conceded 54 points to Eastern Counties and 44 to Middlesex, were on the receiving end again at Old Deer Park yesterday. Surrey won by seven goals, three penalty goals and a try to nothing, and kept their unbeaten record in the South-Eastern Division of the county rugby championship. Their remaining matches are against Kent at Maidstone on November 26 and Middlesex at Rosslyn Park on December 10.

Simmons, the Rosslyn Park back, who was a late replacement for Hughes, of London Welsh, in the centre, scored 39 points. This astonishing total comprised four tries, seven conversions and three penalties. If that is not a record, in county rugby at least, it ought to be.

Everything went right for him. A penalty kick of his that seemed to be drifting irreversibly away from the posts was pulled back by the wind and the ball bounced over off the cross-bar. When the Sussex passing broke down near the end it was Simmons who was on the spot to score the try—his third. And when Surrey ran the ball at a tapped penalty inside the Sussex 25 in the last minute, they let Simmons take it instead of the scrum half, and Simmons responded by darting in for his fourth try while Sussex stared.

Simmons, therefore, gave us something to remember, but the same could not be said of the match. There comes a point sooner or later in every one-sided game when the crowd, and possibly even the players, lose interest. Statistics are not enough, particularly on a cold afternoon. Sussex, outweighted in the scrummage and outrun behind it, did their level best, which was occasionally impressive in the case of Parching, Philp and Harker. But Surrey's best was several levels better. It was useful practice for them. They lost Weston with a leg injury 15 minutes after half-time. Starmer-Smith took his place.

In the first half Simmons (2) and McGrath scored tries and Simmons kicked two conversions and a penalty. In the second half the man who worked the scoreboard spent even longer on the top rung of his ladder. Simmons (2), McGrath, Hinton and Shoelands scored tries and Simmons kicked five conversions and two penalties. Hiller was watching from full back while Simmons was doing all this. He must have been quite jealous. It was the kind of one-man variety performance used to put on himself.

SURREY: R. B. Hiller (Harlequins); R. McGrath (Richmond), D. Simmons (Rosslyn Park), I. Grout, (Harlequins), R. Hammond (Harlequins), Tuisuva (Harlequins), L. West (Rosslyn Park) sub, N. Starmer-Smith, Harlequins); A. Shoelands (Harlequins), I. Smith (Rosslyn Park), N. P. Hinton (Rosslyn Park), N. Mitchell (Rosslyn Park), S. Purdy (Harlequins), J. Lepp (Harlequins), R. Nash (Blackheath), P. Hearn (Richmond).
SUSSEX: T. Upton (Bognor); S. Barker (Rosslyn Park), Cross (Worthing), M. George (Lewes), Vernon (Crowborough), I. Robins (Brighton), P. Philp (Richmond); Pearce (Esher), D. Attwood (Lewes), B. Robinson (Lewes), M. Hann (Chichester), B. Fry (Brighton), Powell (Lewes), M. Parching (Eastbourne), C. Coulson (Worthing).
Referee: Squadron Leader T. Hayward (RAF).

SOUTH-EAST TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	
Middlesex	3	3	0	153	7	
Surrey	3	3	0	102	22	
E Counties	3	2	1	83	37	
Kent	3	1	2	42	69	
Hampshire	3	0	3	24	130	
Sussex	3	0	3	14	153	

Hampshire crushed after late changes

By Alan Gibson

Hampshire 0 Middlesex 71

"Plenty to write about there!" several people said to me yesterday, but there wasn't really. There never is when a game is so one-sided as this. Some such result was predictable in the first 10 minutes. Hampshire, because of assorted misfortunes, had to make four late changes, which involved a further positional change. Not that they were likely to get near winning anyway, but this deprived them of any chance of combining effectively, and it was soon only a question of how many points Middlesex would score.

The answer was 10 goals, two tries, and a penalty goal. Some of their tries were the result of impressive combination and speed: Lambert and Rees, on the wings, particularly enjoyed themselves. But the very brilliance became boring. It was, in the old phrase, John L. Sullivan punching his way out of a paper bag. (Though that might, when you come to think of it, be more difficult than it sounds: nor do I wish to imply that the Hampshire defenders lacked courage—they tackled stoutly, on the rare occasions they happened to be in the right places.)

Five tries were scored by Lambert and four by Recs. Mordell, Lawson and Trapp scored one each. Whibley kicked a penalty goal, the first score, and made nine conversions, some of them from a long way. He never made a bad kick all afternoon. He was, nevertheless, replaced as kicker before the end. The last conversion, in front of the posts, was put over by Ripley. He had had a hand in at least half the tries, but did not quite manage to get one himself, though he was several times very near; so this was a pleasant way of getting his name on the score sheet.

Middlesex led by 31 points at half time, and I wish I had had the courage to go over to the adjoining hockey pitch, where the WRNS final was being played—clearly a much livelier and more tense occasion. But I stayed on with rugby, partly out of fear of my sports editor, and partly because if Hampshire had managed to score it would give me something encouraging to say about them.

But they did not, though Ripley man, who had a harassed afternoon, put in one good run; and there were a few hilarious moments when three large forwards, none of them looking as if they were accustomed to handling the ball, charged down the middle, interpassing, and gained quite a lot of ground before Middlesex recovered their breath, and the ball, and set for one more inevitable try.

HAMPSHIRE: P. Piercy (US Portsmouth); N. Collins (London Irish), J. Jeffs (US Portsmouth), C. Gray (Harlequins), N. Hayman (Portsmouth); G. Jeffries (Havant), Byatt (Basingstoke) (sub: J. Gray, Esher), M. J. Flavin (Basingstoke), R. Smith (US Portsmouth), A. L. Dudley (Kingsclere), M. R. (Cambridge), L. Jackson (Basingstoke), P. Dunn (US Portsmouth), W. Pe (Harlequins), L. C. P. Mes (Richmond).
MIDDLESEX: D. Whibley (Richmond); C. W. Lambert (Harlequins), G. Birkett (London Scottish), A. Friell (London Scottish, capt), H. Rees (Borough Road Coll.), Wilson (London Scottish), R. Lawson (London Scottish), R. Barlow (Rosslyn Park), R. L. (London Scottish), B. Adam (Wa M. W. Trapp (Harlequins), D. G Monaghan (Rosslyn Park), A. Moore (Harlequins), R. J. Morley (Ro Park Gate), J. Beverley, Norwich College), A. Ripley (Fosslyn P
Referee: M. Jones (Gloucester)

Cambridge lit up in a shade of electric blu

By Peter Marson

Cambridge 32 Gloucester 12

Cambridge University were in scintillating form on a drab, cold afternoon at Grange Road yesterday. To say that Gloucester received a drubbing would not be to overstate the case, for by no-side, when they looked weary and drawn, they had been beaten by three goals, two tries and two penalty goals to a goal and two penalty goals. The university's rugby this Michaelmas term must be somewhere near its best ever, and there is no question that the dash and deeds of derring-do by a galaxy of talent behind the scrummage have left the city in a state of fervent excitement.

One would have hardly thought it possible to describe the atmosphere as electric on so dull and leaden a day, but electric it was, with some stunning rugby by the university lighting the stage in a flood of brilliant colour. The extent of Cambridge's great good fortune is plain to see when it is realized that this present success was accomplished without assistance from their triumvirate of English internationals, the captain, Warfield, Wordsworth and Hignell, outstanding players all. McQuaster and Malik from the forwards joined them in ranks of the walking wounded yesterday.

Beginning with a rousing try by Wood after barely five minutes, the university led by 22 points to 12 by half-time. Even now Gloucester were wobbling and but for Butler's admirable place-kicking they would have been in a sorry plight. Cambridge's first try was a beauty, with speedy, accurate passing leftwards to Grant coming into the line from full back. Here is an exciting player, to be sure, and as he accelerated down the left flank a neat, timely pass was all that was required to give Wood the room to run outside his man and go on to the line and round to the posts for his try. Breakey converted.

Butler now landed his first penalty goal, but when Gloucester then moved the ball out among the backs Bayliss's long pass went to ground, and in a trice O'Callaghan had darted in to gather the ball and steer a course for Gloucester's posts, 55 yards distant. Thus was a second try under the crossbar, and a second conversion for Breakey.

Before half-time O'Callaghan had scored his second try and Breakey and Moyes landed penalty goals. Butler, too, had landed a second penalty goal, and good work by Birchley, Smith and Mogg set up a try scored in the right corner by Watkins. Butler did well to convert from the touchline.

Not least among the many attributes in members of Cambridge's admirable XV is a sense of awareness and opportunism, and these two qualities were vi in two grand tries in the se half, scored by Grant and L Breakey converted the first.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: R. Glasgow (Hs and Fitzwilliam); O'Callaghan (Christchurch Hs, Zealand, and Emmanuel), J. Bournemouth GS and Emmanuel Hornor (Campbell College, an Catharine's), C. Wood (Upsa and Downing); *N. Breakey* (and Christ's), A. D. Lewis (Cam GS and St John's), P. Bowdler bridgeshire HS and Downing), Beringer (Campbell College, a Catharine's), D. Allen (Solihull Downing), D. Beck (The Leys Pembroke), S. Brown (King E VI, Nuneaton, and St Catharine's Stewart (St George's, Vancouve St Catharine's), S. Edmann bridge and Trinity Hall), R. (Radley and Selwyn).
GLOUCESTER: P. E. Butle Mogg, J. A. Bayliss, B. Vine, R. Carvis, W. Burnhill, K. F. Rogerson, C. Read, M. A. Burton, S. N. Jackson, J. A. Watkins, Jarrett, R. Smith.
Referee: G. C. Lamb (London *A Blue

The Irish international off half McCombe (Bangor), the world's most capped h Kennedy (London Irish) a called by the Ulster selector the match against the Austr at Ravenhill on Satu McCombe comes in for Am Harrison, Kennedy replace Flanagan and a third chan the team from the side that Munster by 9—7 last Saturd the surprising inclusion of D Dalton (Malone) in the s row for Murtagh (Dungan McCombe, who played times for Ireland last season been overlooked by the selectors so far this year

Rugby League

Millward weeps after being ordered off

England 0 Australia 25

Roger Millward, the England scrum half and captain, walked to the dressing-room in tears after being sent off for the first time in his career in the Rugby League international against Australia at Leeds last night. Millward and the Australian scrum half, Raudonikis, who looked the real offender, were dismissed by the referee after a seventh-minute flare-up.

Millward, a disconsolate figure in the dressing-room, said: "I don't really know why I was sent off. Raudonikis had a go at me and the next thing I knew I was on the floor. It is the first time I have ever been sent off at any level."

Australia, the world champions, were faster and more direct against a poor England side who showed no relation to that who beat Australia 16—13 in the world championship on November 1. They went into the lead in the third minute with a try by Peard and before the interval Lang had forced his way over for another which Eadie converted for an 8—0 lead.

England badly missed Millward's leadership, but full marks to Thompson for some great tackling against the powerful forwards. Eadie, who frequently linked up in attack, rightly won the man of the match award.

In the second half Lang, Randall and Cronin added tries for Australia. Two were imp by Eadie, who also kicke penalty goals.

ENGLAND: Dutton (Wid Smith (Wakefield Tr Stephenson (Dewsbury), H (Widnes), Dunn (Hull KR) (Salford), Millward (Hull captain); Beverley (Dews Bridges (Featherstone Ro Thompson (Featherstone), shon (Dewsbury), Fearnley (Bu (Widnes), Fearnley (Bu Northern).
AUSTRALIA: Eadie; Ri Cronin, Rogers, Schubert; Raudonikis; Beetson (cap Lang, Vievers, Higgs, Ba Pierce.
Referee: G. F. Lindop (C field).

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…ying burst of speed … when racing away … in the King's Stand …ot, the only group …printers in the Euro- …r, was the most …performance seen in … race since Deep …ed Home Guard in …l'Abbaye at Long- …72. By the same …untancy Lianga has been given the prize as European champion miler. While in no way wishing to detract from Lianga's unforgettable courage and consistency how can she be regarded as in any way superior to Bolkonski, who, besides defeating Grundy in the 2,000 Guineas also beat Rose Bowl and Lianga in the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood.

On the same tack how can the European middle-distance champion, Star Appeal, be considered as better than Grundy simply because Grundy's win in the Irish 2,000 Guineas only earned him points in the miler's section and not in that of middle distance horses. While the amazing turn of foot shown by Star Appeal in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe will remain one of the unforgettable memories of 1975, it cannot be mentioned in the same breath as Grundy's overall brilliance and bravery.

The year 1975 will be remembered as the year of Peter Walwyn, Patrick Eddery and Grundy. The trainer and jockey's burning faith in last year's top two-year-old was justified beyond their wildest dreams. Despite his injury in March and his setback when defeated in the Greenham Stakes and the Guineas, Grundy's string of successes in four group one pattern races, including the Derby and the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, stamp him as the outstanding racehorse of the year.

Particular mention must also be made of Bustino, only half a length inferior to Grundy in one of the most gruelling races of all time at Ascot. Walwyn's total of 121 races won worth £382,527 represents an all time record of prize money won by an English trainer. Second in the list comes Henry Cecil responsible for Bolkonski, Wollow and Take Your Place. In third place is the master of Findon, Ryan Price, whose most spectacular triumph was that of Bruni in the St Leger.

Barry Hills with those amazing fillies, Duboff and Nagwa; Fulke Johnson Houghton with Rose Bowl; Dick Hern and Bruce Hobbs, are acknowledged leaders of their profession to have enjoyed good seasons. In eighth place comes Jeremy Tree with Juliette Marny, his heroine after her dual Oaks win at Epsom and the Curragh. Eddery, with 164 winners, is leading jockey for the second year running at the age of 24, continuing to grow in stature throughout the season.

The patience and brilliant sense of timing Eddery showed in Grundy's two Derby victories now blend with his own inimitable dash and enterprise to make him a formidable champion. William Carson the runner up has never looked more forceful and effective than he has this autumn. His triumph on Rose Bowl in the Queen Elizabeth II and Champion Stakes must be the highlight of his year.

Then comes Lester Piggott, in third place despite the frequent demands for his services abroad. His almost insolent late runs to win the Oaks on Juliette Marny and the Ascot Gold Cup on Sagaro hammered home the point that his outstanding genius burns as brightly as ever.

That supreme stylist Joe Mercer, Geoffrey Lewis and Tony Murray have all been seen to great advantage, as has the 49-year-old Frank Durr.

As I have already said Grundy is the equine star of 1975. Hard on his heels in no particular order of merit come Bolkonski, Rose Bowl and Flirting Around. Looking to 1976 the Dewhurst Stakes winner, Wollow, is our principal hope for the classics, together with his stable companion, the Observer Gold Cup victor, Take Your Place. Although not wishing to end on a gloomy note, it is worth pointing out that although all but one of these animals is British trained, they are all foreign owned.

Flat statistics for 1975

Jockeys

	1	2	3	unpl	mts
P. Eddery	164	119	85	449	817
W. Carson	151	108	109	481	849
L. Piggott	113	88	62	262	525
J. Mercer	93	83	65	343	584
G. Lewis	89	57	61	336	543
A. Murray	88	63	58	379	588
F. Durr	79	72	86	360	597
E. Hide	78	59	51	256	444
B. Raymond	73	68	73	354	568
A. Bond	66	64	39	309	478
G. Baxter	65	73	54	320	512

Trainers

	Horses	Races won	Value £
P. Walwyn	69	121	382,527
H. Cecil	43	82	206,345
H. Price	45	76	113,990
B. Hills	41	81	107,703
R. Houghton	22	37	91,227
W. Hern	40	56	90,138
B. Hobbs	36	57	78,446
J. Tree	16	25	76,225
M. V. O'Brien	11	15	73,624
A. Breasley	34	45	68,788
M. W. Easterby	34	65	67,306
M. Jarvis	32	58	65,435

Owners

	Horses	Races won	Value £
Dr C. Vittadini	6	12	209,492
C. d'Alessio	3	10	126,558
R. Tikkoo	30	50	77,294
D. Robinson	32	58	65,435
C. St George	6	11	64,586
G. P. Williams	2	8	51,476
J. Morrison	3	5	49,632
Mrs C. Engelhard	1	3	46,791
N. Hunt	5	5	44,700
W. Zeitelhack	1	1	39,296
G. Reed	7	16	36,128
Lady Beaverbrook	10	12	35,506

Breeders

	Horses	Races won	Value £
Overbury Stud	7	11	194,480
Woodpark Ltd	7	10	70,976
Cragwood Estates Inc	8	15	69,655
Barrettstown Estates	2	4	64,735
G. P. Williams	5	9	63,074
Fonthill Stud	3	4	50,347
Tally Ho Stud	4	7	42,315
N. B. Hunt	4	4	41,668
Cleaboy Farms Co	10	12	41,597
Gestut Rottgen	1	1	39,296
G. Reed	7	16	36,128
J. Dillon	2	4	31,619

Sires

	Horses	Races won	Value £
Great Nephew (1963) by Honeyway	16	29	291,048
Habitat (1966) by Sir Gaylord	26	36	136,516
Blakeney (1966) by Hethersett	11	17	81,973
Balidar (1966) by Will Somers	9	15	77,577
Busted (1963) by Crepello	22	43	69,378
Sea Hawk II (1963) Herbager	14	18	65,590
Wolver Hollow (1964) by Sovereign Path	13	29	62,891
Round Table (1954) y Princequillo	6	11	52,452
Track Spare (1963) by Sound Track	18	35	51,426
Tower Walk (1966) by High Treason	16	46	48,795
So Blessed (1965) by Prince Gift	17	34	47,156
Jukebox (1966) by Sing Sing	17	34	46,051

STATE OF GOING (official): Kempton Park: good to firm. Wincanton: firm. Stratford on Avon: good to firm. Carlisle: good to soft. Ascot (tomorrow): firm. Wetherby (tomorrow): good to firm.

Roman Pastures has found the right brew

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

It is a sign of the times when Wincanton, which is a Group Four course, can stage a more valuable day's racing than Kempton Park, which is in group two. Racing is invariably fun at Wincanton, where the catering is on a par with the high standard at Salisbury. Incidentally, both Wincanton and Salisbury share the same clerk of the course, Major Washy Hibbert, who deserves credit for that.

Today the Badger Beer Handicap Steeplechase is not only the high spot at Wincanton, it is also the most valuable race run in the country this afternoon. After Barmer had won her last race at Sandown Park, I marked her name down in my notebook as one to follow. Yet I am deserting her now in favour of Roman Pastures. Barmer is a brilliant jumper, but her talents may be wasted at Wincanton, where the fences do not pose the sort of problems that those at Sandown do.

I will not be surprised if she is outpaced on this occasion by Roman Pastures, who finished fourth in the Mackeson Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Saturday. But for making a complete hash of the fourth fence from the finish, Roman Pastures would have done even better at Cheltenham. He had won his previous race, which was also sponsored by a brewery, at Worcester.

Mrs Parsons has an easy task in the Newquay Hurdle, just as she did at Cheltenham last Friday, and Perambulate ought to win the first division of the Mendip Hills Novices' Steeplechase. He did well for a beginner to run Fire Red so close at Worcester.

Barmer misses the Cottage Rake Handicap Steeplechase at Kempton Park in order to run at Wincanton. In her absence, there could be a rare set-to at Kempton between Uncle Bing, who won over this course and distance last season, Socket, and Cabalva. I prefer Socket, even though he is penalized for winning at Sandown Park. There is no one more shrewd than his trainer, Miss Auriol Sinclair, who would not be running her horse unless she were perfectly satisfied with the state of play.

Ron Smyth has some useful jumpers in his yard at Epsom once again, and today could see him win both divisions of the Vauxhall Novices' Hurdle with Gunner Smith and Give Me Time. Gunner Smith beat Wayward Scot and Buckie at Newbury a week ago. An interesting opponent for him this afternoon is Reine Beau, who won five races in succession on the flat in 1974 including the Goodwood Stakes. But, Reine Beau has not run over hurdles before, whereas Gunner Smith is experienced. *Give Me Time* has won both his hurdle races this season, the last of which was on this course in October. On that occasion he beat Paper Chase, who promptly won his next race at Newbury.

The few of us who were at Kempton Park yesterday felt not unlike the odd bean rattling in a 10-gallon can. I cannot recall seeing fewer people racing at Kempton Park. Bookmakers seemed easily to outnumber the punters. But this was hardly surprising because there was very little to get excited about. Hodge Hill duly won the November Novices' Hurdle. He has now won six races in succession this autumn, and enabled his trainer, David Gandolfo, to saddle more winners this season than he did in the whole of last.

Ghost Writer won the Flyover Novices' Steeplechase, but he did not look at all happy doing so, and I would hesitate before backing him to beat sterner opposition. Weather Chart, who had not run this season, seemed to have him beaten fair and square until he tired. Before he did so, Weather Chart outjumped Ghost Writer time and time again.

Winter Fair won to the evident delight of his owner, the Parliamentarian, gourmet, broadcaster, jack-of-all-trades, Clement Freud, who was surprisingly fresh after his all-night sitting in the House of Commons, but not nearly as sound as his horse, following an operation on a toe early in the morning. This left Freud going short on his off-fore, but nimble enough to hop from the stands to the unsaddling enclosure to greet *his* winner and back again to the stands to celebrate his victory.

Tennis

Dramatic change in flow of confidence

By a Special Correspondent

Christopher Mottram maintained Britain's challenge in the Dewar Cup in Edinburgh yesterday when he recovered from a disastrous first set to beat Ray Moore, of South Africa, 0—6, 6—4, 6—3. The British number three won only nine points in the first six games, which were full of staccato rallies, almost all of them ending with either an unforced error from Mottram or a clean winner from Moore.

The pattern continued in the first two games of the second set for Mottram, who earlier in the week had been in fine form with a win over Roscoe Tanner, a semi-finalist at Wimbledon. He trailed 0—2 and seemed to be in for a hiding. He looked sluggish, awkward and was always late in putting his racket to the ball. However, the next four games transformed the match.

Moore, serving at 2—0, allowed Mottram to seize the net and hit a solid forehand volley for a winner. Then Moore had a couple of unforced errors—almost his first in the match—and Mottram broke back. A winning net cord, followed by another fierce forehand volley, put Mottram level at 2—2. As fast as his confidence flowed back so it seemed to drain from Moore, who double faulted. A loose forehand brought another break for Mottram who then served three games to love for the set at 6—4.

They both held their opening serves of the final set, Mottram again to love, before an unfortunate incident occurred at 30—30 in the third game. Moore hit a big first serve down the middle which appeared to be well wide of the centre line. Mottram made no effort to play it and turned to look at the linesman. The umpire then asked the linesman: "Did you call?" "No". "Do you defer?" "Yes".

The umpire ordered Moore to serve his second ball. Moore, under protest, did so but lost the point and conceded the game on the next point to a stone-dead net cord. He continued his protest as the players changed ends and, more from righteous anger than anything else it seemed, immediately broke back.

Mottram: disastrous first set.

Games progressed to 3—3 before Mottram, aided by some highly successful scrambling and a firm backhand volley, seized the vital break. In the next game Moore had a point at 30—40 to level, but Mottram served a thundering ace and went on to lead 5—3. In a dramatic last game, he led 0—40, but clinched victory only after six deuces on his fifth match point.

Afterwards, Moore complained about Mottram's conduct on court alleging that once or twice he had tried to influence linesmen's calls by stopping and looking. If there was gamesmanship, it did not seem to have had an effect on the result. The better man won on the day.

MEN'S SINGLES: Third round: E. Dibbs (US) beat C. M. Pasarell (US), 6—1, 6—3; C. J. Mottram beat R. J. Moore (SA), 0—6, 6—4, 6—3; J. S. Connors (US) beat K. Meiler (Germany), 6—3, 6—1; I. Nastase (Romania) beat I. El Shafei (UAR), 6—2, 3—0 rtd.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Second round: Miss M. Jausovec (Yugoslavia) beat Miss T. Holladay (US), 6—2, 6—2.

HONGKONG: M. Orantes (Spain) beat J. Bartlett (Australia), 6—2, 6—3; R. Ramirez (Mexico) beat Anand Amritraj (India), 8—6, 6—1; A. Mayer (US) beat R. Ruffels (Australia), 9—7, 4—6, 6—4; R. Carmichael (Australia) beat P. Kronk (Australia), 3—6, 6—3, 13—11; R. Crealy (Australia) beat T. Krelss (US), 6—1, 8—6, 6—3; J. Newcombe (Australia) beat M. Cahill (US), 6—1, 6—3; T. Gorman (US) beat J. Cooper (Australia), 6—3, 3—6, 6—1.

Kempton Park programme

1.0 VAUXHALL HURDLE (Novices: Div I: £340: 2½m 90yd)
2 0113-21 Gunner Smith (G. Plowes), R. Smyth, 6-11-5 .. J. King
3 Reine Beau (M. Vine), M. Masson, 5-11-0 .. B. R. Davies
4 0000-32 Shivers Regal (E. Rogers), E. Goddard, 5-11-0 .. R. Atkins
6 0 Tudor Mystery (Mrs A. Beeson), E. Beeson, 5-11-0 J. Jenkins
9 pp- Companion (S. Maddever), R. Carter, 4-10-9 .. D. Briscoe
11 004f-00 Heighway (D. Stanton), M. Tate, 4-10-9 .. R. R. Evans
12 Mingold (T. Godfrey), D. Jermy, 4-10-9 .. G. Old
14 0000-00 Tecalyp (T. Venn), W. Charles, 4-10-9 .. M. Blackshaw
6-4 Gunner Smith, 2-1 Shivers Regal, 4-1 Reine Beau, 12-1 Tudor Mystery, Heighway, 16-1 others.

1.30 GAMECOCK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £340: 3m)
1 p104-10 Merry Maker (D) (A. Mildmay-White), G. Dodge, 10-12-4 Mr A. Mildmay-White 5
3 1401p0- Star Pearl (CD) (G. Nicholson), Nicholson, 6-11-6 Mr G. Nicholson 7
4 0-03144 Tuscan Prince (CD) (Sir J. Thomson), R. Armytage, 11-10-12 Mr S. Parkyn 3
6 32430f Amigris (A. Grogan), A. Jarvis, 9-10-8 .. Mr J. Docker 3
6 00-4231 Articality (J. Slattery), M. Oliver, 6-10-4 .. Mr J. Weston 7
7 4-33400 Le Diable (G. Thomas), Thomas, 7-10-0 .. Mr A. Barrett 7
9-4 Merry Maker, 5-2 Tuscan Prince, 5-1 Articality, 7-1 Amigris, 12-1 Star Pearl, 16-1 Le Diable.

2.0 COTTAGE RAKE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £703: 2½m 90yd)
1 11fp-22 Uncle Bing (CD) (Mrs J. Mildmay-White), G. Dodge, 6-11-13 Mr A. Mildmay-White 5
2 001-1 Socket (C) (Mrs P. Jubert), Miss A. Sinclair, 9-11-11 R. Rowell
4 4-24131 Cabalva (P. Talbot-Ponsonby), M. Scudamore, 9-11-6 A. Turnell
5 10020-p Silver Delight (Sir E. McAlpine), P. Cundell, 6-11-4 B. R. Davies
11-8 Uncle Bing, 9-4 Cabalva, 11-4 Socket, 8-1 Silver Delight.

2.30 HOUNSLOW HURDLE (Handicap: £510: 3m)
1 33230-0 Hurry Imp (Mrs O. Negus-Fancey), M. Tate, 5-11-7 R. R. Evans
7 41-2420 Ballysilly (D) (O. Henley), W. Charles, 5-10-2 M. Blackshaw
8 023-011 Venetian Lord (D) (S. Clarke), G. Harwood, 5-10-0 C. Read
6-4 Venetian Lord, 11-4 Hurry Imp, 7-2 Ballysilly.

3.0 RICHMOND STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £340: 2m 170yd)
1 21100-1 Captain George (E. Pelham), J. Gifford, 6-11-10 R. Champion
2 3a3332 John's Knapp (Mrs W. Leppington), M. Tate, 7-11-3 J. Francome
3 00u-24 Meave (P. Isgar), S. Woodman, 6-11-3 .. C. Goldsworthy
4 04f4r4- Sir Barrymores (S. Bowles), F. Walwyn, 7-11-3 .. W. Smith
Evens Captain George, 3-1 Meave, 4-1 John's Knapp, 7-1 Sir Barrymores.

3.30 VAUXHALL HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £340: 2½m 90yd)
2 4-11 Give Me Time (C) (Miss T. Macdonald), R. Smyth, 4-11-5 J. King
4 00b0 Bill's Brother (K. Rolph), P. Allingham, 6-11-0 .. W. Smith
6 Expresso Bongo (W. Lowndes), T. Forster, 5-11-0 G. Thorner
7 p000-f4 The Magician (S. Clarke), G. Harwood, 6-11-0 .. C. Read
13 03 Angel's Five (Mrs A. Beeson), E. Beeson, 4-10-9 .. J. Jenkins
14 pp00-00 Esade (T. Venn), W. Charles, 4-10-9 .. M. Blackshaw
15 0000-23 Little Jessie (Mrs J. Bird), E. Goddard, 4-10-9 .. R. Champion
17 0042-0 Rajmatai (M. Barrett), M. Masson, 4-10-9 .. B. R. Davies
18 004-0 Rambling (C. Renty), P. Cundell, 4-10-9 .. J. Francome
4-5 Give Me Time, 11-2 Rajmatai, 7-1 The Magician, 8-1 Expresso Bongo, 10-1 Little Jessie, 12-1 Angel's Five, 20-1 others.

Carlisle programme

1.0 THRELKELD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £671: 2m)
1 22210-1 Knock Twice (CD), A. Mactaggart, 10-12-4 .. R. Barry
3 1- Golden Fort (CD), G. Richards, 10-10-11 .. J. J. O'Neill
4 21121-3 Stand Clear (D), T. Corrie, 10-10-5 .. P. Russell
6 2f314-f Ecarte (D), W. A. Stephenson, 8-10-0 .. T. Stack
7 401142 Peapack (CD), V. Thompson, 8-10-0 .. G. Holmes
9 013007- Lauso Lad (D), G. Owen, 6-10-0 .. R. F. Davies
10 f4310p- Barbie's Song (D), G. Fairbairn, 6-10-0 .. P. Broderick
2-1 Stand Clear, 9-4 Knock Twice, 5-1 Ecarte, 11-2 Golden Fort, 8-1 Peapack, 10-1 others.

1.30 COCKERMOUTH HURDLE (Handicap: £340: 2m 330yd)
1 021200- Newfoundland, Mrs Hamilton, 7-12-7 .. Mr G. Macmillan
2 21230-0 Indian Emperor, F. Walton, 5-11-8 .. Mr J. Walton
3 23102-0 Yachtsman, A. Perry, 5-10-10 .. Mr A. Eubank 5
5 0100-00 Miss Goldie, I. Maddocks, 4-10-6 .. Mr M. Charles 7
6 0f-3 Royal Chic, T. Cuthbert, 9-10-5 .. Mr J. Wilson 7
7 4040- Shirello, A. Mactaggart, 6-10-5 .. Mr A. Mactaggart
8 42210-0 Moneyman, R. Page, 6-10-2 .. Mr R. Page 7
9 0p4030 King's Savings, J. Berry, 6-10-1 .. Mr R. Gow 7
10 f000-0f Scribeen, W. Storey, 6-10-0 .. —
11 41p0-0d Gold Escort, W. A. Stephenson, 5-10-0 .. Mr P. Greenall 7
12 1020-00 Royal Huntress (CD), Mrs Z. Cundall, 4-10-0 Mr C. Cundall 7
13 010000- True Vote, W. Lewis, 4-10-0 .. —
14 100030- *Rock Rose, A. Paterson, 7-10-0 .. Mr J. Paterson 7
15 020p0-0 Indian Gudja, M. Vernon, 5-10-0 .. Mr K. Jewett 7
4-1 Indian Emperor, 9-2 Gold Escort, 5-1 King's Savings, 6-1 Yachtsman, 7-1 Royal Huntress, 10-1 Royal Chic, Moneyman, 12-1 Miss Goldie, 14-1 others.

2.0 AMBLESIDE HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £306: 2m 330yd)
1 0000-30 King Ross, Mrs Chesmore, 6-11-9 .. P. Campbell 7
2 00- Arctic Mist, G. Richards, 5-11-7 .. D. Goulding
3 Prince of Sheen, A. Barclay, 5-11-7 .. R. Barry
5 00000-3 Triple, R. Hollinshead, 5-11-7 .. C. Astbury
6 03f13-p Tudor Court, D. McCain, 5-11-7 .. J. J. O'Neill
7 03340-0 Buckmenot, B. Wilkinson, 4-11-3 .. R. A. Harrison 7
9 00-p Dads Girl, T. Corrie, 3-11-3 .. P. Russell
10 00003-0 Glasgow Express, C. Bell, 4-11-3 .. J. McDougal 5
11 0- Lord Blue, A. Dickinson, 4-11-3 .. I. Moulton 7
12 0- Woodflame, A. Dickinson, 4-11-3 .. M. Dickinson
5-2 Triple, 3-1 Arctic Mist, 11-2 Buckmenot, 7-1 King Ross, 8-1 Lord Blue, Woodflame, 12-1 Glasgow Express, 14-1 others.

2.30 PATTERDALE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £688: 3m)
1 131p2p- Tamalin, G. Richards, 8-11-11 .. J. J. O'Neill
2 p2122- Bountiful Charles (CD), G. Cunard, 9-10-13 .. R. Barry
3 0313p-4 Tregarron (D), K. Oliver, 8-10-12 .. C. Tinkler
4 22234-2 San-Feliu (CD), N. Crump, 12-10-9 .. D. Atkins
5 2400-00 Sure Jumper, Mrs Chesmore, 8-10-0 .. L. Lungo
7 00u43-p Portocarron (D), G. Owen, 6-10-0 .. R. F. Davies
9 00u00-f Rodragusa (D), B. Thornley, 13-10-0 .. N. Tinkler
10 221323 Treble Kay (D), V. Thompson, 11-10-0 .. G. Holmes
9-4 San-Feliu, 3-1 Bountiful Charles, 7-2 Tamalin, 5-1 Tregarron, 10-1 Treble Kay, 12-1 Portocarron, 16-1 others.

3.0 KESWICK STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £340: 2m)
2 3bf341- Cancello, N. Crump, 6-11-10 .. D. Atkins
3 3-f0234 Devil's Soldier, W. Atkinson, 7-11-10 .. P. Mangan
4 112430- Greystoke Rambler, G. Richards, 6-11-10 .. D. Goulding
5 200101- Lunarville, K. Oliver, 6-11-10 .. C. Tinkler
6 0f0- Nucella, A. Kemp, 6-11-10 .. V. Percival
11-8 Greystoke Rambler, 2-1 Cancello, 7-2 Lunarville, 10-1 Devil's Soldier, 25-1 Nucella.

3.30 AMBLESIDE HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £306: 2m 330yd)
1 1 Waite (CD), A. Dickinson, 5-12-0 .. M. Dickinson
2 00-0 Young Katie, W. Atkinson, 6-11-9 .. P. Mangan
3 023- Fair Georgina, R. Hollinshead, 5-11-7 .. C. Astbury
4 John King, G. Richards, 5-11-7 .. J. J. O'Neill
5 Siobara, W. Haigh, 5-11-7 .. R. Barry
6 00- Flora Go Lightly, T. Corrie, 4-11-3 .. P. Russell
9 0 Mr Ten Per Cent, W. A. Stephenson, 4-11-3 .. T. Stack
4-7 Waite, 9-2 Fair Georgina, 8-1 John King, Mr Ten Per Cent, 14-1 Siobara, 20-1 others.

Stratford-on-Avon programme

12.45 DAMSELS HURDLE (Div II: Part I: Novices: 3-y-o fillies: £306: 2m)
1 01 Hafod Wen, W. D. Francis, 11-0 .. A. K. Taylor 5
3 4u Bridal Rose, C. Dingwall, 10-7 .. D. O'Donovan
5 30ff0 Dolben Gem, J. Harris, 10-7 .. I. Watkinson
7 Florica, P. Rohan, 10-7 .. G. Griffin
10 04 Indebar, S. Brookshaw, 10-7 .. K. B. White
12 Marlinstown Lady, J. Leigh, 10-7 .. D. Nolan
14 0 News Girl, D. Oseman, 10-7 .. —
16 Persian Kitty, V. Cross, 10-7 .. F. McKenna
18 Snoopy Too, D. Nicholson, 10-7 .. J. Suthern
20 240f0 What A Performance, B. Richmond, 10-7 .. M. O'Shea 7
5-2 Hafod Wen, 100-30 Bridal Rose, 9-2 Indebar, 11-2 Dolben Gem, 8-1 What A Performance, 10-1 Snoopy Too, Florica, 12-1 Persian Kitty, 16-1 others.

1.15 EDSTONE HURDLE (Handicap: £306: 2m)
1 00000f- Whicker's World (D), R. Edwards, 7-12-1 Mr M. Brisbourne 7
2 Dumbutt (D), W. Whiston 10-11-9 .. R. Reid
6 30440-0 Unavailable (CD), H. Nicholson, 5-11-7 .. R. Dickin 3
7 0000-32 Hardistyck (D), F. King, 6-11-6 .. R. Floyd 5
8 f20-000 King's Fling, A. Birch, 6-11-1 .. S. Smith-Eccles 7
9 20f021 Queens Folly (D), A. Arnold, 8-11-1 .. C. Astbury
11 010030 Ring Morley (D), P. Felgate, 4-10-11 .. J. Glove
12 0000-40 Dance Hard, J. Bradley, 6-10-9 .. Mr M. Ley 7
13 Arvensis, Mrs Harden, 7-10-8 .. B. Forsey
14 000-0 Royal Tournament, R. Murphy, 5-10-8 .. —
15 0330-30 Khoda Khan (D), A. Rumsey, 7-10-6 .. I. Watkinson
16 0-43p00 Frigid Frolic, W. Clay, 8-10-6 .. N. Clay 5
17 f00u-00 Bonnie Lorraine, M. Tate, 4-10-6 .. H. J. Evans 3
19 0-0b24 Toffee Royal, W. Whiston 8-10-2 .. D. Cartwright
20 00-p000 Lyns Legend, G. Price, 6-10-0 .. Mr C. Price 7
21 Sylvan Prince (D), W. Charles, 14-10-0 .. R. Weaver
22 0 Mini Night, J. Bradley 7-10-0 .. M. Williams
3-1 Queens Folly, 4-1 Khoda Khan, 11-2 Unavailable, 13-2 Hardistyck, 8-1 King's Fling, 10-1 Ring Morley, Toffee Royal, 12-1 Whicker's World, 14-1 Dumbutt, 20-1 others.

1.45 OXHILL STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £340: 2¾m)
1 40-0124 Bright Fergus, Miss Guilding, 6-11-3 .. D. Cartwright
2 22244p- Bright Spartan, G. Yardley, 7-10-12 .. R. Weaver
4 20440-0 Coole Abbey, A. Jarvis, 6-10-12 .. B. Fletcher
6 fp000-2 Isleamrada, R. Clay, 7-10-12 .. S. Holland
11 230000- Super Charger, J. Harris, 6-10-12 .. I. Watkinson
12 420030 Thomas Edward, J. Bradley, 6-10-12 .. M. Williams 6
13 34443b Yog, R. Brassey, 7-10-12 .. J. T. Bourke
5-2 Coole Abbey, 100-30 Bright Fergus, 9-2 Bright Spartan, 11-2 Isleamrada, 7-1 Yog, 8-1 Thomas Edward, 14-1 Super Charger.

2.15 BRIDGETOWN HURDLE (Handicap: £408: 2¼m)
1 f4110-0 Something To Hide (CD), Mrs Lomax, 6-12-2 .. A. Carroll 7
2 00-1221 Serogan (C), D. Gandolfo, 6-12-0 .. D. Barton
5 00100-0 Terryash, D. Barons, 4-11-0 .. M. Barrett 7
9 20-pf Woodvale, R. Murphy, 8-10-13 .. D. Cartwright
8 0420-fu Great Freda, M. Salaman, 4-10-11 .. R. Mangan 7
10 0240-00 Saints Day, A. W. Jones, 4-10-9 .. A. K. Taylor 5
11 00320-0 Just For Sure, G. Kindersley, 4-10-7 .. R. Kington 5
12 f34pf0- Lucky Sue, A. Jarvis, 6-10-7 .. B. Fletcher
13 440f10 Honey Beam (D), L. Kennard, 4-10-7 .. Chris Jones 7
15 0330-14 Marsh Hey, J. Wilding, 4-10-2 .. Mr R. Wilding 7
16 000p-0 Leoncavallo, N. Mitchell 4-10-0 .. Mr N. Mitchell 7
17 204200 Rutland, M. Chapman, 4-10-0 .. —
18 010000 Hullo Again, L. Cottrell, 5-10-0 .. Joe Guest
9-4 Something To Hide, 4-1 Serogan, 11-2 Just For Sure, 7-1 Woodvale, 8-1 Marsh Hey, 9-1 Honey Beam, 10-1 Terryash, Great Freda, 14-1 others.

2.45 DAMSELS HURDLE (Div I: Novices: 3-y-o fillies: £306: 2m)
1 Abu's Girl, P. Rohan, 10-7 .. G. Griffin
2 00 Balltree, D. Barons, 10-7 .. D. Cartwright
3 Camina, M. Francis, 10-7 .. P. Kelleway
6 00 Fiffa, M. Tate, 10-7 .. —
7 Lady Carinya, V. Cross 10-7 .. F. McKenna
9 Lustful Lady, N. Mitchell, 10-7 .. Mr N. Mitchell 7
11 2b0 Miss Kilo, A. W. Jones, 10-7 .. A. K. Taylor 5
12 0 Narlu Mani Poum, B. Richmond, 10-7 .. M. O'Shea 7
13 Oakham Lass, M. Chapman, 10-7 .. —
15 p Philision, M. Scudamore, 10-7 .. P. Duggins 7
16 Ruedo Girl, R. Clay, 10-7 .. S. Holland
17 Solentown, J. Spearing, 10-7 .. J. Bishop 7
18 Supalrag, B. Cambidge, 10-7 .. A. Witton 7
19 Vilportion, L. Barratt, 10-7 .. P. Anderson 7
20 Welcome Sara, D. Ancil, 10-7 .. S. C. Knight 5
21 00 Werngan, F. Rimell, 10-7 .. K. B. White
5-2 Balltree, 11-4 Werngan, 9-2 Fiffa, 6-1 Abu's Girl, 8-1 Miss Kilo, 10-1 Lady Carinya, Welcome Sara, 16-1 others.

3.15 HAWKES BAY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £619: 3¼m)
1 2223- Vulgans Fire (C), F. Rimell, 9-11-7 .. K. B. White
2 0f4-2u3 Gylippus, Mrs Pitman, 6-10-12 .. Mr B. Smart 7
3 0440-00 Dragon Hill, R. Armytage, 9-10-8 .. J. Glover
5 f0pp-0p Black Friar (CD), E. Jones, 7-10-2 .. D. Cartwright
6 0120-03 Dixie Cartoon, J. Webber 8-10-0 .. A. Webber
7 403p0-3 Tashlissa VI, M. Marsh, 7-10-0 .. M. C. Gifford
8 01u422 Hard Cash, B. Cambidge, 6-10-0 .. Mr G. Jones
9 2022f1- Stearline, A. Jarvis, 8-10-0 .. B. Fletcher
9-4 Tashlissa VI, 3-1 Vulgans Fire, 9-2 Gylippus, 6-1 Dragon Hill, 15-2 Dixie Cartoon, 9-1 Hard Cash, 12-1 Stearline, 20-1 Black Friar.

3.45 DAMSELS HURDLE (Div II: Part II: 3-y-o fillies: £306: 2m)
2 0f Bobette, N. Vigors, 10-7 .. A. Branford
4 0030 Clovara, A. Stevens, 10-7 .. N. Flanagan
6 Faustina, M. Tate, 10-7 .. A. Phillips 7
8 m0004 Glanfield, M. Bolton, 10-7 .. P. Wilson 7
11 Just Fay, J. Hurley, 10-7 .. —
13 P. Maygo, A. Sutton, 10-7 .. Mr R. Wilding 7
15 00 Paction, G. Burr, 10-7 .. Mr B. Smart 7
17 Sandy's Girl, J. Bradley 10-7 .. M. Williams 5
19 0 Talking Doll, A. Jarvis, 10-7 .. B. Fletcher
21 0 Yea Verily, W. Wildman, 10-7 .. I. Watkinson
5-2 Bobette, 4-1 Clovara, 5-1 Talking Doll, 6-1 Faustina, 8-1 Glanfield, 9-1 Yea Verily, 10-1 Paction, 12-1 Sandy's Girl, 16-1 others.

*Doubtful runner

Stratford-on-Avon selections

By Our Racing Staff

12.45 Hafod Wen. 1.15 Queens Folly. 1.45 Isleamrada. 2.15 Seregan. 2.45 Abu's Girl. 3.15 Tashlissa VI. 3.45 Talking Doll.

Kempton Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

1.0 Gunner Smith. 1.30 Merry Maker. 2.0 Socket. 2.30 Venetian Lord. 3.0 Captain George. 3.30 GIVE ME TIME is specially recommended.

Carlisle selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.0 Golden Fort. 1.30 Gold Escort. 2.0 Triple. 2.30 SAN-FELIU is specially recommended. 3.0 Cancello 3.30 Waite.

Wincanton selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

1.0 Perambulate. 1.30 Mrs Parsons. 2.0 Roman Pastures. 2.30 Redder's Boy. 3.0 Bit of Manny. 3.30 El Cardo.

Wincanton programme

1.00 MENDIP HILLS STEEPLECHASE (Div I: Novices: £306: 2m)
1 0- Admirals Light, Mrs J. Ollivant, 8-11-9 .. S. Jobar
3 0p-2002 Bollown Covert, N. Wakley, 6-11-9 .. N. Wakley
4 002-03 Metromead, W. Williams, 8-11-9 .. K. Maguire
5 My Misty, G. Gadd, 9-11-9 .. V. Soane
6 023-012 Perambulate, D. Barons, 6-11-9 .. S. May
7 2p- Take Cover, J. Brown, 8-11-9 .. C. Brown 7
9 Tudoramun, G. Kindersley, 6-11-9 .. W. Shoemark
10 300- Tudor Amber, Mrs E. Kennard, 5-11-6 .. P. Richards 7
6-4 Perambulate, 15-8 Bollown Covert, 7-1 Metromead, 10-1 Take Cover, 12-1 Admirals Light, Tudor Amber, 25-1 others.

1.30 NEWQUAY HURDLE (4-y-o: £510: 2m)
4 000-121 Mrs Parsons (D), F. Rimell, 11-0 .. J. Burke
7 1400-f Rio, J. Cobden, 11-0 .. B. Jones 5
1-3 Mrs Parsons, 2-1 Rio.

2.0 "BADGER" BEER STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,188: 2m 5f)
1 322-f02 Polymic, J. Cobden, 9-11-13 .. B. Jones 5
6 2321u3 Sandwilan, S. Wright, 7-10-13 .. R. Hyett
7 42311-1 Barmer, R. Blakeney, 7-10-7 .. J. McNaught
8 31-0414 Roman Pastures, C. Davies, 6-10-5 .. W. Shoemark
9 3pu10-1 Golden Batman, A. Hartnoll, 11-10-4 .. P. Haynes 3
10 p14-434 Eyecatcher (CD), J. Bosley, 9-10-1 .. K. Maguire
12 132-0bp Something Missing, D. Barons, 7-10-0 .. S. May
14 01f3-32 Tradarse, Miss Morris, 6-10-0 .. P. Keane 5
15 3 Border Lane (CD), N. Wakley, 9-10-0 .. N. Wakley
3-1 Roman Pastures, 7-2 Barmer, 5-1 Golden Batman, 13-2 Eyecatcher, 8-1 Polymic, 10-1 Sandwilan, 14-1 others.

2.30 RED MARU STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £510: 3m 1f)
5 4p130-2 Redder's Boy (CD), A. Hobbs, 11-10-10 .. Mr P. Hobbs 5
7 f0-233u Maniphe (D), Miss Morris, 11-10-5 .. N. Wakley
8 043-00p Mirvin, D. Barons, 9-10-0 .. S. May
9 20001-p Vindicate, S. Pattemore, 8-10-0 .. R. Linley
10 400-402 Sixer, C. Clay, 11-10-0 .. P. Warner
9-4 Redder's Boy, 5-2 Sixer, 7-2 Maniphe, 6-1 Mirvin, 8-1 Vindicate.

3.0 MENDIP HILLS STEEPLECHASE (Div II: £306: 2m)
1 0230-2u Bit of Manny, Miss Morris, 6-11-9 .. P. Keane 5
2 0340-03 Farthingdale, G. Yardley, 8-11-9 .. H. J. Evans 3
3 Magic Streak, Mrs E. Kennard, 6-11-9 .. P. Richards 7
5 00002-4 Plumbers Bridge, N. Brooks, 6-11-9 .. V. Soane
6 0 Winter Cash, I. Wardle, 10-11-9 .. W. Shoemark
7 3-p02pp Flintstone, D. Barons, 5-11-6 .. S. May
9 Rough Girl, F. Rimell, 5-11-6 .. J. Burke
11-4 Farthingdale, 3-1 Bit of Manny, 9-2 Plumbers Bridge, 5-1 Magic Streak, 6-1 Flintstone, 10-1 Rough Girl, 33-1 Winter Cash.

3.30 REMEMBRANCE POPPY HURDLE (Handicap: £442: 2m)
2 200-12 Pirate Bell (D), G. Kindersley, 6-10-13 .. W. Shoemark
3 13403-1 El Cardo (CD), Mrs Kennard, 5-10-9 .. P. Richards 7
6 0-40011 Breezy Boy (D), L. Cottrell, 5-10-5 .. James Guest 7
7 0- Heggoth, W. Fisher, 6-10-4 .. N. Wakley
9 441233 Medway Melody, D. Barons, 6-10-0 .. S. May
12 04-0 Winged Dagger, J. Old, 6-10-0 .. C. Candy
13 2p0003 Psalm (D), Miss Morris, 6-10-0 .. P. Larcombe 7
14 00-0200 Queteezer, J. Rosewell, 5-10-0 .. Mr R. Treloggan 7
15 p00-000 Love Set (CD), A. Souch, 9-10-0 .. John Williams
7-4 El Cardo, 3-1 Breezy Boy, 4-1 Pirate Bell, 8-1 Medway Melody, Psalm, 12-1 others.

Haydock Park results

1.15 (1.17) BURY PLATE (2-y-o: £690: 5f)
Midnight Melody, br f, by Linacre—Queen's Lane (J. Hanson), 8-11 E. Johnson (33-1) 1
Gershwin, b g, by Town Crier—Dream of Olwen (Mrs J. Crooks), 9-0 G. Starkey (9-2) 2
Bluehill, gr f, by Blue Streak—Tamblast (V. Boucher), 8-11 R. Marshall (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Bill's Song (4th), 5-1 Gold Flight, 11-2 Hydrographic, 11-1 Snake Bite, 14-1 Don Revie, Flying Fable, 20-1 Just Tempest, Main Chance, 33-1 Master Marton, Prince Melody. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, £5.19; places, £1.42, 32p, 22p. J. Hanson, at Wetherby. Sh hd, 5l. 1min 04.97sec. Out Of Season, Publican's Folly, Bernice Clare did not run.

1.45 (1.45) VERNON'S HANDICAP (£3,919: 1¼m 151yd)
Major Role, ch g, by Major Portion—Ysolda (B. Shine), 5-7-8 car 7-10 ...... P. Cook (2-1 fav) 1
Ribellaro, b c, by Riboccare—Dionella (M. Lemos), 3-8-5 F. Durr (9-1) 2
Amber Sun, ch c, by Amber Rama—Varinia (R. Tikkoo), 3-7-7 T. McKeown (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 13-2 Royal Match (4th), 15-2 Nacre, 8-1 Deep River, 9-1 Lottogift, 10-1 Bright Fire, 14-1 Doubleglow, Baffin Bay, 16-1 Tranos, 20-1 Noble Bay. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 18p, 21p, 22p. B. Swift, at Epsom. 1½l, 3l. 2min 26.69sec.

2.15 (2.17) VERNON'S SPRINT CUP (£13,826: 6f)
Lianga, b f, by Dancer's Image—Leven Ones (D. Wildenstein), 4-9-7 Y. Saint-Martin (2-1 fav) 1
Roman Warrior, ch c, by Porto Bello—Colliers (J. Brown), 4-9-10 ...... J. Seagrave (3-1) 2
Garda's Revenge, br c, by Dancer's Image—Loven Ones (Mrs G. Bottomley), 2-8-0 W. Carson (11-3) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Street Light, 14-1 Ellora, High Award, 20-1 Divine King (4th). 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 17p, 18p; dual forecast, 31p. A. Penna, in France. ¾l, ½l. 1min 18.61sec.

2.45 (2.46) SALFORD STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £544: 1¼m 151yd)
Marching Orders, b f, by Prominer—Gazpacho (J. Mullion), 8-11 J. Mercer (6-4 fav) 1
Abalona, ch f, by Pall Mall—Miss Maverick (J. Taylor), 8-11 E. Johnson (20-1) 2
Misty Joanne, b f, by Foggy Bell—Tilly (Mrs B. Hunt), 8-11 M. L. Thomas (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Tuscan Tune, 10-1 Miss Peking, Heyford, 11-1 Snow Mountain (4th), Sister Moon, Queens Sanctuary, 16-1 Little Wild Duck, 18-1 Lora, 20-1 Quick Half, My Mark, 33-1 Boe Em, Prodha. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 21p; places, 13p, £1.10, 22p. I. Balding, at Kingsclere. 8l, 3½l. 2min 29.83sec. Gentle Melody did not run.

3.15 (3.17) FLEETWOOD HANDICAP (£690: 2-y-o: 7f 40yd)
Lord Elect, ch c, by Lord Gayle—Polling Station (R. Moody), 7-6 C. Rodrigues (7-1) 1
Fir's Hill, b c, by Jukebox—Luluna (M. Murray), 9-0 P. Cook (11-1) 2
Move Off, ch c, by Farm Walk—Darling Do (W. Barker), 7-13 R. Still (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Shelahnu, 11-2 Shukran, 8-1 Miss Chelsea, 10-1 Fantail, 12-1 Kalgoorlie, 13-1 Solo Reign, 14-1 Make A Signal, 16-1 Romany Charter, Mimika, 20-1 Still Windy, 25-1 Castle in Spain (4th), Igloo Fire, Liberty Light, Regal Tudor. 17 ran.
TOTE: Win, 91p; places, 31p, 28p, 55p, £1.67. J. Sutcliffe, at Epsom. ¾l, 1l. 1min 39.22sec. Calaburn did not run.

3.45 (3.46) CONCLUSION HANDICAP (£690: 1½m)
Grey Aglow, gr f, by Aglolo—P L G (Mrs N. Henderson), 4-8-0 ...... B. Hood (20-1) 1
Super Trojan, b g, by Super Sam—Phrygia (Miss G. Elliot), 5-8-9 M. Kettle (10-1) 2
Petwood, ch f, by Petingo—Grove Hall (R. Lamb), 4-8-7 M. L. Thomas (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Peterhof, 4-1 Dominant (4th), 6-1 Incandescence, 8-1 Tudor Crown, 12-1 Clued Up, Park Lawn, 20-1 Fair Tactics, Montreal Boy, Meadowcroft, Pamea. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.49; places, 38p, 25p, 21p. J. Etherington, at Malton. Hd, 2½l. 2min 47.05sec. Alverton did not run.
TOTE DOUBLE: Lianga, Lord Elect, £9.35. TREBLE: Major Role, Marching Orders, Grey Aglow, £45.30. JACKPOT: Not won. Consolation dividend of £69.25 paid on first five legs. Tomorrow's pool at Ascot guaranteed at £4,000.

Kelso

1.15: 1, Sovereign Gold (7-4 fav); 2, Fezan (25-1); 3, Sharina (14-1). 17 ran.
1.45: 1, More Wayward (2-1 fav); 2, Old Stephen (5-2); 3, Game Call (15-1). 6 ran.
2.15: 1, Some Hazard (3-1); 2, Fly Bye (11-8 fav); 3, Lothian Countess (4-1). 5 ran.
2.45: 1, Dancing Ned (5-6); 2, Quilarctic (3-1); 3, Hugo Duncan (5-1). 4 ran.
3.15: 1, Village Light (5-1); 2, Bishops Pawn (6-4 fav); 3, Forlorn Lady (12-1). 7 ran.
3.45: 1, Regal Tack (6-4 fav); 2, Darling Eve (5-1); 3, Nost Egg (7-1). 8 ran.

Kempton Park NH

1.0: 1, Napoleon (3-1); 2, Gardez Le Reste (15-8). 3 ran. Chance a Look, 6-4 fav.
1.30: 1, Set Hill (9-2); 2, Macturk (4-1); 3, Humanist (5-1). 12 ran. Blue Fire, 3-1 fav.
2.0: 1, Hodge Hill (2-7); 2, Shinto (7-2); 3, Marshall Who (25-1). 3 ran.
2.30: 1, Ghost Writer (4-7); 2, Weather Chart (9-2); 3, Penfort (33-1). 5 ran. My Virginian did not run.
3.0: 1, Winter Fair (5-4); 2, Christmas Tree (8-1). 3 ran. Flap, 11-10 fav.
3.30: 1, Sarpedon (6-5 fav); 2, Indiscreet (33-1); 3, Sir Tingo (25-1). 12 ran.

Weights for Ascot

SGB HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE: Leading weights: Bula 10yr 12st 7lb, Brown Lad 9-12-2, Ten Up 9-12-2, Game Spirit 9-11-8, Lean Forward 9-11-4, Royal Relief 11-11-2, Kilvulgan 8-11-2, Highway View 10-11-1, Flashy Boy 7-11-1, Brusiee 9-11-1, Rough House 9-11-0, Royal Marshal II 8-10-12, Fort Fox 6-10-11, April Seventh 9-10-11, Noble Neptune 9-10-10. To be run over three miles at Ascot on December 13.

Hockey

Cambridge richer for experience

By Sydney Friskin

Cambridge Univ 1 HA XI 6

An unusually strong side represented the Hockey Association in their annual fixture against Cambridge University at Fenner's yesterday. All the players of the visiting team were drawn from the Great Britain Olympic party and were full of experience and skill. Cambridge had little chance against opposition as formidable as this, but were richer for the experience gained. They raised their game considerably in the second half by exchanging passes and gaining more possession than they did in the first. For Cambridge, Menzies, as usual, directed operations from the back line and some sterling work was done in defence by Payne, and Pellereau. Bond, Flajsner and Williamson were conspicuous in attack.

Playing with speed and growing assurance, the HA side established a commanding 4—0 lead in 20 minutes, their pattern being designed in the middle by Saldanha, who controlled the ball superbly as usual.

Long scored the first goal from a long corner, and Thomson the second with a little help from French. A short corner to Cambridge was well struck by Menzies and Barker in goal, made a good save, but that was the only time he was summoned to action in this half. Svehlik scored the third goal from a short corner and Long the fourth, following a long corner.

Cambridge, seemingly inspired by expert advice during the interval came to life at the start of the second half and a good pass by Pellereau put Bond clear at the top of the circle. The chance was lost when Freitag dispossessed him. At the other end a brisk exchange of passes between Brookeman and Thomson ended in a shot by Long which was well saved by Probert.

But the HA forward line was in full flow again and Long, showing how much his control had improved, went through to score from a pass by Whitaker. Cotton drove in a strong shot from a short corner to obtain the sixth goal, after which Cambridge earned their consolation prize. Jarrett, following up a clearance from a short corner, pushed the ball eagerly into goal.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: B. Probert (Dauntsey's and St Catharine's); *G. C. Menzies (Felsted and St Catharine's, captain), *A. Payne (Gresham's and Magdalene), B. Guest (Caldey Grange and Churchill), *A. Dodds (Kingston GS and St Catharine's), R. D. Pellereau (Wellington and Trinity), D. Jarrett (Wellington and St Catharine's), *C. K. Bond (Stow and Sidney Sussex), C. Flajsner (Haberdashers' Aske's and St Catharine's), *I. Sobey (Adelaide University and Trinity), I. Williamson (Millfield and Downing).

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION XI: R. L. Barker (Old Kingstonians and Surrey); P. J. T. Svehlik (Beckenham and Kent), D. B. Whitaker (Southgate and Hertfordshire), P. C. Freitag (Old Kingstonians and Hampshire), B. J. Cotton (Bishop's Stortford and Hertfordshire, captain), J. A. Thomson (Hounslow and Middlesex), N. R. Saldanha (Blackheath and Kent), I. S. McGinn (Southgate and Middlesex), R. H. Brookeman (Hounslow and Middlesex), J. C. French (Westcliff and Essex), S. R. L. Long (Bury St Edmunds YMCA and Suffolk).

Umpires: J. Davey and H. C. Flagg (Eastern Counties).

* A Blue.

Newbery in British team for Vienna

Tony Newbery with Warwick III and Snaffles is in the British team for the Vienna show jumping event from November 14-17. The rest of the team is Elizabeth Edgar with Everest Wallaby and Everest Mayday; John Whittacker with Ryan's Son and Bericote Golden Vale and Ann Fenwick with Owen Gregory and Fieldmaster.

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PARLIAMENT, November 12, 1975

Academic excellence of direct grant schools: censure vote

House of Lords

LORD BELSTEAD (C) moved that the House condemned the Government's policy to end the present system of direct grant grammar schools and urged the Government to reopen the direct grant schools list.

He said that the country could not afford to lose even one good school. Could there be anything in socialist philosophy which approved of forcing some of the best schools in the country out of reach of the vast majority of children? It was an act of incredible irresponsibility, when, as never before, this country needed the skill and talent of its younger generation.

LORD WADE (L) moved an amendment condemning the Government's policy of ending the direct grant system "in the present economic situation without making proper provision for boarding needs and without providing time for agreement on the contribution those schools could make within the comprehensive system". He said that by timing he was not referring to the total period of the phasing out of the grant, but rather the period for the decision in principle by the direct grant schools. That time was undoubtedly too short.

LORD CROWTHER-HUNT, Minister of State for Education and Science, said the Government's case was based on their belief that any form of selection for secondary education was wrong. The Government's desire to get rid of the 11-plus examination had the support of the majority of parents and educations.

The Government wanted to ensure that each child, whatever his home background, ability level, aptitude or speed of development, was afforded the maximum opportunity to develop his own particular talents to the full. The Government were convinced that could only be achieved through a fully comprehensive system of education.

Parents who believed that the education provided in a selective system was better than that in the comprehensive system were at liberty to send their children to a non-maintained school, and one alternative was the independent school. Hitherto, the direct grant school provided a more attractive alternative because it provided selective education on the cheap. The fees were kept down by the state education subsidy.

The Government had no wish to close down the schools and would welcome them into the maintained system if they could be organized along comprehensive lines. If some of them would not allow their standards and traditions to be available to the whole community as maintained comprehensive schools, they would have to manage, without Government money, as independent schools.

The schools had been given to the end of the year to decide where their future lay. It could not be claimed that they had been asked to make their decisions in a hurry. They had had notice of the Government's firm intention since March 11 and of the detailed arrangements since May 1.

LORD ALEXANDER of POTTERHILL said he had complete sympathy with the Government on the principle of discontinuing direct grant schools, but he profoundly disagreed over the timing of the application of that principle. To place additional expenditure on local education authorities at a time when every education committee's estimates were being severely cut seemed administrative irresponsibility.

LORD BUTLER of SAFFRON WALDEN, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, said that while the Government's actions in using the 1944 Education Act were not illegal, they were against the spirit of the Act. Typically of this administration, the Government's action in proposing to close direct grant schools would be counter-productive. At least half and possibly 100 of them would go independent. This would produce an even greater gulf. The result would be divisive.

The direct grant school system was a contribution to the variety of schools and enabled parents to have an element of choice. The schools were probably the most socially integrated schools in the country; they were schools of academic excellence.

I am master (he went on) of a large institution which is open in its entry. We have people coming from every sort of school. We are beginning to take in comprehensive boys and shall shortly begin to take in comprehensive girls. But by far the most academically suited to the extremely high standards of Trinity College are those who come from direct grant schools.

That is more true of Cambridge than of colleges as a whole. The excellence is unbeaten by any other form of education in this country.

Although they talked about equality, surely they could also talk about quality. Without quality Britain would be a ruin. Their riches were their talents, and skills.

LADY GAITSKELL (Lab) said that the private sector was still the most divisive element in education. Social divisions and poisoned relationships between different groups in society caused stress, strikes and violence.

LORD JAMES of RUSHOLME, former Vice-Chancellor of York University, said the threat was that of the destruction of the essential character of these schools.

We have reached (he said) a lamentable and unnecessary position. The Government are committed to abolish the 11-plus. All right. Cannot that obligation be honoured without taking a course that will, in effect if not in intention, restrict opportunity and impoverish our education provision? Many of their supporters are deeply disturbed at what is happening.

VISCOUNT ECCLES (C) said the standard of education would be damaged. It would be impossible to recreate the sixth form in quality and spread of subjects in the new, small, botched comprehensives. The Secretary of State should order a survey of all comprehensives so that they could know to what extent the sixth forms were unacceptably weak.

LORD DARLING of HILLSBOROUGH said they had been told there were opportunities for children generally if they had the ability to go to direct grant school. Many areas of the country had no such schools, so what happened to children of ability in those areas?

LORD BLAKE said what alternately distressed and enraged him about the Government's policy was that here was a system which however illogical, untidy or unplanned, actually worked.

The COUNTESS of LOUDOUN said she was not against the comprehensive system. The issue was not just the ending of the direct grant, but that it was another step towards the ant hill society. Everything held sacred was secondary to party approval.

The BISHOP of WORCESTER said that the direct grant schools were all willing participants in the slow and gradual move towards comprehensive education. Those schools, small in size, were much less selective than maintained schools. They looked after particular needs of particular localities. Socially they were less selective than boarding schools.

LORD ELTON, for the Opposition, said the Conservatives were not carrying a torch or lance against the comprehensive system as such. What they would always be concerned with was the interests of the child, with excellence of standards, preservation of tradition and independence of outlook. Those ideals could be established in many different forms. What they could not be produced in was a system of dictatorial dogma.

LORD CROWTHER-HUNT said the direct grant schools gave no freedom of choice to the majority who failed the 11-plus examination.

The argument arises (he said) from a desire to perpetuate selective education for a few and subsidized by the state, rather than a desire for all parents to choose between one school and another.

For the majority of parents where selection still operated freedom of choice was an illusion.

The Liberal amendment was withdrawn and the Opposition motion was carried by 131 votes to 44—majority against the Government, 87.

Press freedom: Mr Foot repudiates all Lord Goodman's statements

House of Commons

MR FOOT, Secretary of State for Employment (Ebbw Vale, Lab), made a statement on the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, and explained why it has not been possible to reach agreement between the two Houses.

First (he said) the Government have not been able to agree to the proposals put forward in the House of Lords because we considered that it was quite inappropriate to provide that breaches of the charter should be taken to the courts in the way suggested. That is our objection in principle. The fact that the particular proposal which the Lords have put to us involves the use of a concept which was described by the Lord Chancellor as not only unusual, but fraught with difficulty and obscurity, has been a further complication.

Lord Goodman yesterday described his own proposal as unquestionably uncertain, unquestionably obscure and unquestionably open to argument. It is that proposal which he asked us to put on the statute book. (Laughter.)

Second, I must make absolutely clear that we were unable to agree to the proposals put forward by the Lords because our aim has been to achieve, as quickly as possible, arrangements within the industry which would provide effective safeguards against any risks to the freedom of the press which might be thought to be involved in the passing of the Bill.

We, therefore, could not ignore the possible impact on the attitude of the parties within the industry of an insistence in advance that the charter included a number of rights favoured especially by one side to the discussion. The majority in the Lords have, most unwisely, disregarded that risk altogether.

I do not wish to make a detailed statement about all the issues which have arisen, but a large number of controversial and misleading comments have been made.

First, it has been suggested that all the attempts at a compromise have come from Lord Goodman and his associates and that the Government have been obdurate. No one who has followed what actually occurred could believe that to be the case.

I welcomed the idea of a charter when the possibility was first raised. I suggested when the House debated the issue on February 12 on the report stage of the Bill that if the parties wish to have it incorporated in some code of practice the Government would certainly be prepared to consider it. We welcomed Lord Houghton's amendment immediately it was made.

The matters which the charter should cover have been made more specific. The charter will now be relevant to all proceedings before courts or tribunals.

The ground which the Secretary of State can cover if he has to make a charter without the agreement of the parties has been limited—a concession which Lord Goodman himself has described as substantial. The Government have genuinely sought a sensible settlement and I repudiate all Lord Goodman's statements to the contrary. He accused me in the House of Lords of bad faith and I think on reflection he will wish to withdraw any such accusation.

It is particularly alleged that the Government withdrew a compromise offer at virtually the last minute yesterday and that we were very close to an agreement. This statement, repeated in *The Times* today, completely misrepresents the position. The Lord Privy Seal (Lord Shepherd) rightly and immediately made clear in the Lords that no firm proposal was made.

Certainly exploratory discussions took place following a brief meeting between ministers and Lord Goodman. A draft was drawn up in an attempt to see if there was room for agreement on a provision about public policy which would meet both the Government and Lord Goodman. There was a good deal of discussion about alternatives, but in the end Lord Goodman himself rejected the Government's preferred version.

However, it is quite wrong to see this as the only outstanding issue. At the meeting Lord Goodman made it clear that there were a number of other issues on which he wishes to insist, and that the Government should make major changes. In particular he insisted, as he did in the Lords yesterday, that the provision relating to the coverage of the charter must contain a right of journalists not to be unreasonably expelled or excluded from a union. The Government do not think it necessary to set this out as something which must be included in the charter. Nothing in the Bill prevents the exercise of existing common law rights in this field.

The Government believe that when section 5 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act is repealed the TUC's proposed independent review committee will provide adequate machinery to deal with any cases which cannot be satisfactorily resolved within the machinery of individual unions. Moreover, the NUJ's own machinery means that no member can be expelled without the agreement of the national executive, and within the union there is also an appeals machinery.

Nevertheless, this is the point on which Lord Goodman is now placing so much emphasis and on which he was demanding a change even if some compromise had been possible on other issues, although it is a very different proposal from those put to us originally by the editors which were about the position of editors in the closed shop.

On the constitutional question, it is necessary to recall that this is the first time for many years, indeed it is one of the rare occasions in several decades, in which the House of Lords has gone to such lengths to frustrate the will of the House of Commons. Yet who will claim that this is the most controversial of all measures introduced in the period? The Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill is itself a repeal of the Industrial Relations Act of 1971 which was passed through this House under the guillotine and which now by the general consent is necessarily to be repealed.

Yet the House of Lords never invited the Commons to reconsider a single controversial provision of the 1971 Act. (Labour cheers.)

But the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, the present Bill, by contrast, was a measure passed through this House in all stages without any resort to the guillotine and with increasingly large majorities in a House of Commons where the Government command no such considerable majority of their own. And yet the House of Lords have intervened and used their residual power to prevent us placing on the statute book a measure for which we have a good majority in this House and a mandate at two elections. (Protests and interruptions.)

At a time when respect for Parliament and more especially this elected Chamber is of such supreme importance in overcoming our national problems I believe everyone in this House should join in condemning this challenge to democratic authority. (Loud Labour cheers.)

Consequently, the Government have every intention of reintroducing this Bill in the next session.

MR PRIOR, Opposition spokesman on employment (Lowestoft, C)—We find this a deeply disturbing statement but it is a statement that lives up fully to the standard that we now expect from the minister.

We regard this statement as a classic example of misrepresentation and hypocrisy and I dare say Lord Goodman will have something to say about that too. (Laughter.) How dare the Labour Party condemn or seek to lecture us on respect for Parliament and the law.

Is not the minister once more putting socialism before freedom? Is it not absurd for him to pose as a great conciliator when every concession has been wrung out of him by the force of argument and the pressure of dissenting colleagues?

Is this not an attempt to label this as a challenge to democratic authority? Does that not come ill from this Government and above all on an issue involving the freedom of the press? Will the minister not even at this stage agree to have the royal commission look at this and come back with an appropriate Bill that guarantees the freedom of the press?

MR FOOT—The Government will take into account all the recommendations that the royal commission may make to us. I had some difficulty in assessing whether there were any questions buried in his rhetoric.

On whether the rights of this House have anything to do with democracy I would have thought it is one of the essential parts of democracy. We cannot accept as tolerable a situation where the second chamber is prepared to intervene against Labour Governments in these matters but never intereferes on far more controversial matters from the Conservatives.

MR GEORGE CUNNINGHAM (Islington, South and Finsbury, Lab)—Leaving aside the wider consideration of the future of the Lords, it is insufferable that amendments to a House of Commons Bill should be introduced in the Lords which would not even have been in order in this House. If the House of Lords does not put that right we shall have to do something about it.

Will Mr Foot reaffirm that the Government are not opposed to legislation on the freedom of the press and that some such legislation will come along in the course of this Parliament?

MR FOOT—I am glad to reaffirm the proposition he makes. We will send the Bill to the Lords again very soon in the new session. We will seek by whatever may be the best method to ensure that all the agreements we have made in this House about the freedom of the press shall be included in the proposition.

MR CYRIL SMITH (Rochdale, L)—Many of us find the hereditary principle of election to the House of Lords to be revolting. (Labour cheers.)

Will Mr Foot nonetheless accept that until the Government do something about altering the method of election to the Lords that second chamber does have a right to influence legislation. (Some Labour cries of "No.")

If he does accept that premise may I appeal to him between now and the introduction of the Bill to hold meetings with responsible people in the Lords at least to try to find some compromise within that Bill?

MR FOOT—The Government sought hard to secure a settlement of this issue. That is why I repudiate the accusation made in some quarters, and repeated by Lord Goodman with great emphasis yesterday, that I have not sought to do so.

I do not believe that any MPs who have listened to the debates in this House would repeat the accusation made by Lord Goodman. Labour MPs who had some difference of view on this matter will remember how we had lengthy discussions on this.

The proper place to settle these matters is the House of Commons. I believe that the House of Lords should take into account what is said here, particularly when it is emphasized and re-emphasized by votes in this House. (Labour cheers.)

My complaint is that at the end of those votes and debates they have set out to frustrate the decision of the House of Commons. I would have thought that whether that was done by hereditary peers or any others it is objectionable to the House of Commons. (Labour cheers.)

MR BIDWELL (Ealing, Southall, Lab)—Having regard to the progress of relationships between the Commons and Lords over the years is it not quite reprehensible that this leadership in the Lords was by a mere life peer? (Laughter.)

Does it not beg the question of the necessity for a backbench inquiry on both sides of the House to go into the ways and means by which such people get into the legislative process?

MR FOOT—That raises a much wider question. I do not think I should be tempted to follow Mr Bidwell.

MR ATKINSON (Haringey, Tottenham, Lab), on a point of order, asked: What happens to workers' rights that have been suspended by the Lord's diminution of the 1971 Act?

The SPEAKER (Mr Selwyn Lloyd)—This has nothing to do with me. Mr Atkinson can only raise a matter of order over which I have some control under the standing orders.

MR ATKINSON—What we on this side are concerned about is that the suspension of trade unionists' rights to organize themselves as a result of what has happened in the Lords has stripped organized workers of basic rights. There is an important principle at stake. (Labour cheers and Conservative interruptions.)

We cannot discuss this and trade unionists are going to remain in a state of suspended animation until we get back to the business in 12 months. Workers are stripped of their organizational rights. It is not good enough. (Labour cheers.)

The SPEAKER—I realize the sincerity with which Mr Atkinson makes this point and fully realize the importance he attaches to it. But it is not within my power to allow a debate on this.

MR ATKINSON—We have to wait until next November, I understand, before we can again talk about trade union rights. How can the Speaker, advise backbenchers on the best way we can protect the rights of those we are sent here to represent? If he is now saying there is no way we can legitimately raise these matters in the Commons we shall have to take extraordinary measures to reinstate ... (loud Conservative protests.)

The SPEAKER—Can we stop this shouting across the Chamber? It is unwise for the Chair to give too much advice too often. But if I were in Mr Atkinson's place as soon as the House meets again, which will be in a short time, I would be making a great big row about this point. (Laughter and cheers.) We shall be here again, I think, all being well—(laughter)—this day week. That is the time for him to start. He must do it loud and strong; no doubt he will. (Laughter.)

MR ATKINSON—You can rest assured, Mr Speaker, that your advice will be taken. (Laughter.)

MR KINNOCK (Bedwellty, Lab)—The reason we are in this situation is because of the abuse of this House by a bunch of unelected busybodies in the Lords. (Labour cheers.)

The SPEAKER—No, I will not allow that kind of reference to the Lords. (Conservative cheers.) It is a long tradition that the Lords exists with its present powers—whether it is right or wrong is not for me to express an opinion—by virtue of an Act of Parliament passed by a Labour Government. It has got these powers. I will not have that kind of expression used. (Conservative cheers.)

MR CRYER (Keighley, Lab)—In view of the great constitutional crisis which faces this Parliament — (Conservative laughter) — could the Speaker, during the period of prorogation, endeavour to consult with the Leader of the House (Mr Short) and examine the serious constitutional nature of the position whereby the Lords have defied the Commons yet again?

Will he examine the situation with a view to introducing into the Chamber as soon as possible after November 19, a short, sharp Bill, by which we can abolish the House of Lords? (Laughter and cheers.)

The SPEAKER—If I had the power to introduce a short, sharp Bill a lot of people might be very surprised. (Laughter.)

Minister accused of being unfair and misleading

In the House of Lords, LORD SHEPHERD, Lord Privy Seal, repeated Mr Foot's statement.

LORD CARRINGTON, Leader of the Opposition, said that Mr Foot was wrong when he talked about frustrating the will of the Commons, when he said that the Lords had challenged democratic authority and were preventing the Government placing the measure on the statute book.

What the Lords had decided by a large majority was to exercise the rights given under the Parliament Act, 1949. The Act made it plain that after a period of time laid down in the Act the will of the Commons would prevail.

LORD BYERS (L) said that so much of the statement was petty minded that it did not deserve comment. It was clear that all parties were close to agreement and there was no reason why further talks should not take place in the short period of delay which would occur at the beginning of the session.

He wanted to place on record their total unacceptance of Mr Foot's opinion that the Lords had frustrated the will of the Commons. They had done nothing of the sort. They had exercised their legitimate powers to uphold a fundamental principle. Mr Foot's statement came from a member of a Government which had the support of only 28 per cent of the electorate.

LORD SHEPHERD said that the Lords had exercised their residual rights under the Parliament Act. The decision taken last night was seen as a frustrating one. If the amendment voted on had any merit, if it was not as Lord Goodman referred to it, obscure, it might have been thought that the Lords had acted with sense, but bearing in mind the discussion, he did not think the House did credit to itself as a revising and legislative chamber.

If there were to be further discussions he would wish to see them conducted in a more formal way than in the last few days.

When I read (he said) the leading article and the report of *The Times* newspaper, and we were talking about the freedom of the press, it is about time we started talking about the basis, the confidentiality and the honesty, of reporting. I do not think I want to say anything further on that subject.

LORD HAILSHAM of ST MARYLEBONE said he resented the ungracious and unmannerly tone in dealing with the Lords after what had gone on in the last three months. The House was not remunerated by salary. It had been put to great inconvenience in one measure after another of a highly controversial and difficult kind.

They had not only not frustrated the will of the people but put themselves out to assist the Government to get their business through.

Mr Foot had been unfair to the Lords, not simply misleading, on a constitutional issue but unfair on a question of morality.

LORD SHEPHERD said that the Lords had passed Bills this session when they came from the Commons on average taking five weeks, which was relatively short. Bills which were introduced in the Lords took on average seven weeks.

There was no harm done in the exchange of language. They knew the spirit in which it was given. The Government were grateful for the cooperation in seeing legislation through.

Report on unpublished report

MR MACMILLAN (Farnham, C) asked for the Speaker's guidance on a matter which, he said, might be one of privilege. He said there was a report in *The Guardian today* about Mr Mellish, the Government Chief Whip, referring to a vote taken in the Select Committee on the Wealth Tax.

I have tried without success (he went on) to contact the chairman of that Select Committee, Mr Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab). I and all the other members of the select committee were led to believe before we finished our proceedings late last night that all the proceedings were privileged, including any reports that might have been made to the Select Committee, any voting that might have been done and any discussion that might have taken place, until such time as the report was published.

I have been later informed (he continued) that these matters are to be considered privileged only until such time as the report is laid and any reference to them after that could be a matter of courtesy to the House but could not be one of privilege.

Since our proceedings in the Select Committee continued for some little time after the vote referred to in *The Guardian* report was taken, and indeed we did not rise until somewhere about midnight, any question of privilege would depend on when it was alleged that Mr Mellish made the statement quoted in *The Guardian*.

MR MELLISH, Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury and Government Chief Whip (Southwark, Bermondsey, Lab), said that in the early hours of the morning he was approached by the press. He said he had no knowledge of the decisions and deliberations of the Select Committee. The reporter said he understood that the Select Committee had rejected proposals about a wealth tax.

I said (he continued) that I had no knowledge in any shape or form, but that if that was the position two MPs were absent from that committee on Commonwealth Parliamentary Association business. They were unpaired and any decision taken by that committee would be taken by those who were in a majority and in my view had no right to be the majority.

The SPEAKER said he had not had a chance to ascertain the facts. His understanding was that the report was laid during yesterday's sitting and therefore no question of privilege could arise. It was a matter of courtesy that they did not comment on these reports until they had been published.

MR PETER REES (Dover and Deal, C) said it might be a matter for the Privileges Committee to determine how and at what time the newspaper in question or the journalist who contacted Mr Mellish discovered, if it was the fact, that the chairman's report was rejected by the committee.

The SPEAKER said he would consider the point.

MR MACMILLAN said he was not suggesting that Mr Mellish had committed a breach of privilege.

The SPEAKER said later that he must consider the matter further. The imminence of Prorogation meant that he would not be able to give a ruling until next session. The Privileges Committee remained in being and should this be referred to them would be able to proceed with their investigation.

Protectionist policies have to be resisted

European Parliament Luxembourg

M KASPEREIT (France, Dep) opened a short debate on protectionist measures taken or planned by the United States.

He said it seemed as though the United States was tempted by the demon of protectionism. The Americans had accused the European Community of practising dumping in respect of cars, but in fact the problem they were faced with was based on a contradiction between the application of the Trade Act by the American Treasury, and the rules of the anti-dumping code of Gatt to which the United States were a signatory.

MR GUNDELACH, Commissioner for External Relations, said one of the results of the world recession had been the re-emergence of pressures for protection in many important quarters both within the Community and abroad and did not arise only in relation to the United States.

The adoption of protectionist measures had on the whole been avoided in the United States and the Community, but there was great pressure for them which should be resisted.

Until the recent American decision on steel, more than $4,500m worth of Community exports was the subject of complaint under the Trade Act. Even today $2,000m worth of trade was potentially at risk.

This was happening (he said) at a time when the United States was enjoying a record surplus with the Community amounting to more than $2,000m in the first six months of this year.

The United States Treasury had so far this year initiated countervailing duty investigations into 12 cases affecting the Community. The most important case concerned the alleged dumping of cars from Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom involving $2,530m of Community trade.

They had drawn the attention of the American authorities to the fact that the initial opening statement of the investigation into alleged dumping of cars appeared to them to be inconsistent with the Gatt anti-dumping code.

It was true that formidable pressures for protective action had been mounting in the United States on a wide front, but the Administration had not yielded to these pressures. There was no sign that the United States Government's commitment to liberal world trading system had changed.

The moral we must draw from the present situation (he said) was that in a period of acute economic difficulty governments everywhere must be especially active not only in resisting protectionist pressures but also in moving to their domestic economies the protectionist adjustments that needed to be made.

This applied as much to the countries as to the United States. If they succumbed to these pressures in their own trading policies how could they hope to persuade others to hold the line.

Royal assent to Acts

Royal Assent was signified to the following Acts:

Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants); Iron and Steel; Sex Discrimination; Recess Elections; Housing Finance (Special Provisions); Industry; Scottish Development Agency (No 2); Welsh Development Agency (No 2); Employment Protection; Children; Cinematograph Films; Policyholders Protection; Airports Authority; Local Land Charges; Petroleum and Submarine Pipe-lines; Community Land; Brockwood Cemetery; Shard Bridge.

Parliament was prorogued at 8.41 pm. The new session will be opened by the Queen on Wednesday.

Bitter disappointment voiced by Bishop

The Community Land Bill was considered after it had been returned to the House from the Commons, which had sat all the previous night considering Lords amendments to the Bill.

The LORD CHANCELLOR moved that the Lords agreed with three Commons amendments to a Lords new clause (Outstanding material interest) dealing with churches and charities. This was considered with related amendments.

He said that in most instances charities would be able to continue their activities simply because land was not a factor in their operations, or if it was it by no means followed that it would be required for development.

The Bill was concerned with development. It was only in that context that any land, not just charity land, would be affected by the scheme. It was not a Bill to bring all land into public ownership, only development land.

The Government sought to give extensive protection to land owned by churches and charities on White Paper day. The Government's object was to ensure that the change from the present to the new land system for development land was made as easy as possible for them within the principles of the scheme.

Unique service

The provisions in the amendments would ensure that the transition to the land scheme would not only be as easy as possible for charities but in recognition of the unique service they provided to the community placed them in what would be a favourable position compared with that of other owners of land.

The BISHOP of LONDON said that the Government's action would cause bitter disappointment to the churches and charities. They had not asked for privileges under the Bill. He had sought to amend the Bill, not destroy it but to make provision for the churches and charities which had been forgotten in the original thinking and planning of the Bill.

His amendment had had the fullest all party support in the Lords and was passed by an overwhelming majority. It was in no way a wrecking amendment. It sought to strengthen the Bill. With all the whips on in the Commons, the Government's action was sustained by a majority of eight. If the whips had not been on, he did not think there could be any doubt that the amendment would have received the support of the Commons.

Reversal

The position of charities under the Bill was a reversal of the traditional protection by successive Governments of the rights of charities. They had been protected for 400 years, and left to get on with their job.

How much easier it would have been simply to have accepted his amendment and to have taken them out of the Bill. It would have done no harm. It would not have upset the working of the Bill and would have achieved the object which most people wanted.

The Government had lost a great opportunity of gaining the confidence and support of the charites. Instead they had left a legacy of dismay, disgruntlement and of fear for the future.

He would have been tempted to have divided the House again because his amendment represented the mind of Parliament and of the country. He would not do so but looked for the time when justice could be restored to the interests of the charities and the churches.

LADY WARD of NORTH TYNESIDE (C) said the Government's decision would be received with dismay and anger.

The Commons amendments to the Lords amendment were agreed to.

Further Commons amendments were agreed to and the Lords did not insist on their own amendments to which the Commons disagreed.

Settlement with Hoffman-La Roche: revised prices for drugs laid down

MRS SHIRLEY WILLIAMS, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection (Hertford and Stevenage, Lab), made a statement about a settlement which had been reached between the Government and the Hoffman-La Roche Group concerning its ethical pharmaceutical products, including librium and valium, the prices of which had since April, 1973, been controlled by order.

She said that following a report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which was a landmark in the history of monopoly policy, the then Minister for Trade and Consumer Affairs (Sir Geoffrey Howe) made a statement on April 12, 1973, accepting the commission's recommendations and announcing the making of an order reducing the price of librium to 40 per cent of the 1970 price and the price of valium to 25 per cent of the 1970 price.

Under the procedures of the House of Lords the Roche Company applied to the Special Orders Committee for the appointment of a select committee to inquire into the order. This application was rejected and the order was approved by Parliament. Subsequently the company started proceedings in the High Court against the Government and the commission, alleging unfairness and breach of natural justice and applying to have the order declared void.

In April, 1974, out-of-court negotiations began about the price of the drugs in question to see whether a settlement could be reached. It was desirable to bring Roche back into the voluntary price regulation scheme of the Department of Health and Social Security as early as possible. During the course of the negotiations, we obtained from the company a great deal more information than they had given to the Monopolies Commission.

Agreement has been reached as a result of which:

(1) The company will repay to the Government the sum of approximately £3,750,000 in addition to the payments made earlier in respect of the years 1967-69; the figure of £3,750,000 is an overall settlement which takes account of excessive profits over the period January 1, 1970 to April 23, 1973, the date of the coming into force of the order.

In respect of that period the sum is £12m. We for our part have accepted that since the Monopolies Commission reported the order prices have become unduly low and that under normal VPRS guidelines an offset of £8,250,000 is due to the company. The figures on both sides include interest payments.

(2) The company will come back into the VPRS for all its ethical pharmaceutical products.

(3) The company have accepted that the new prices of librium and valium will be put at approximately half the 1970 level, which was the baseline from which the Monopolies Commission inquiry started, and that they will settle with the DHSS price changes for their other medicines within the provisions of the VPRS; the new prices of librium and valium will be less than half those ruling in the rest of the world.

(4) The company have informed us that they intend to continue their research and investment in the United Kingdom and that they plan to spend several million pounds on improved research, production and administration facilities both at Welwyn Garden City and at Dalry, Ayrshire and thus continue their contribution to medicine. They are also considering a further major expansion at Dalry of their vitamin and chemical production facilities for Europe and other world markets.

(5) The company has undertaken to withdraw its legal action against the Crown and the Monopolies Commission together with any allegations of impropriety.

This agreement is clearly incompatible with the continuance in force of the 1973 order and consequently is subject to its effective revocation.

I believe this to be a satisfactory resolution of our differences with the Hoffman-La Roche group of companies and under the provisions of the Fair Trading Act I am publishing the statutory notice of my intention to make an order to revoke the 1973 Order.

MRS OPPENHEIM, Opposition spokesman on consumer affairs (Gloucester, C)—We welcome that the negotiations have finally been concluded and that the results appear to be satisfactory in respect of the sums to be repaid and with regard to the company's compliance with the VPRS in future.

However, would she confirm that in accepting this agreement with the company it will not preclude our position in respect of the directorate of competition in the European Commission at present investigating the company, in relation to any proposals they may make in future which we would like to implement in respect of the company, particularly as one application of the Commission's competition policy will help safeguard consumers?

MRS WILLIAMS—Nothing affects the investigation being undertaken by the European Community into alleged breaches of the competition rules of the Rome Treaty. We were represented at the policy meeting of the Community's competition policy committee which was investigating the so-called royalty rebate system which Roche had applied to some of its customers in the European Community countries.

The settlement is reasonable (she added later). This sort of settlement should be regarded by any company attempting to make high profits as a suitable indication of what might happen.

Complaint goes to Committee of Privileges

The SPEAKER, ruling on the matter raised yesterday by Mr Ogden (Liverpool, West Derby, Lab) about an article in the *Liverpool Free Press* said it was proper to allow a motion relating to it to have precedence over the orders of the day.

MR EDWARD SHORT, Lord President of the Council (Newcastle upon Tyne, Central, Lab), moving that the matter be referred to the Privileges Committee, said it would be in the interests of the House if it were decided that no further debate should take place at this point.

The motion was agreed to.

Talks in Rome on CAP

Consumers met the cost of agriculture, the biggest item in the EEC budget, and they had a right to be involved in decisions concerning food production and policy, MISS BETTY BOOTHROYD (UK, West Bromwich, West, Lab), said when she opened a debate on consumer protection.

She said one of their major tasks must be to work out how much food was required in the Community to satisfy the needs of consumers. Consumers could not complain of a system which insured them against shortages in hard times.

When long-term planning was introduced there might be surpluses, but these would take the form of manageable molehills rather than immovable mountains and consumers would not complain so long as these surpluses were kept within bounds. The Community should take a lead in developing a world plan.

SIGNOR BATTAGLIA, for the Council of Ministers, said of the three elements that went to make up the consumer price for foodstuffs, production was a minor influence compared with processing and distribution.

One of the anomalies of the CAP was the relationship between the modest level of refunds to producers and the high cost of consumer prices.

This is one of the things (he said) that leads us to want to have a broad revision of the CAP which was initiated by the Council yesterday. It will be pursued in general terms by the Council when it meets in Rome in December.

Case for Greek membership

Greek membership of the European Economic Community could only be of advantage to both parties and would bring new political perspectives, HERR CORTIERIER (West Germany, Soc) said when presenting a report from the Association Committee containing a resolution welcoming the desire of Greek political forces to seek political and economic solutions to enable Greece to move speedily from association to full membership of the EEC.

MR GUNDELACH, Commissioner for Internal Market and Customs Union, said there had been a courageous initiative by Greece in wanting to join the EEC. The Commission were currently working hard on this complex task.

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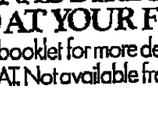

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Greece thinks again about defence ties with Nato

Greece is trying to build up a special military relationship with the North Atlantic Alliance, which would meet her long-term political and defence requirements as a western nation, without upsetting domestic susceptibilities.

When the Greek leaders decided to pull out of Nato's integrated military structure last year in the wake of the second Turkish assault on Cyprus, they were certainly giving vent to frustration over Nato's failure to act. But above all they were responding to a persistent popular demand born out of strong suspicions about Nato's connexion with the Greek junta and the catastrophic coup in Cyprus.

These suspicions still persist, but the leaders of the Greek Government now feel that while the nation may afford some emotional latitude during a period of East-West détente, moody outbursts of this sort can, in times of crisis, become lethal luxuries.

Mr Constantine Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, in a candid speech before Parliament, said that while Greece was now able to defend herself in case of a local war, should there be a general conflict Greece would need to cooperate with the West in order to survive.

He proposed that Greece's relationship with Nato should be based on four principles: First, the Greek armed forces would remain in peacetime exclusively under the national command. Secondly, in case of a general conflict there would be full defence cooperation with Nato. Thirdly, the mechanism needed to trigger this operational link should be created now; and fourthly, any major Nato activity on Greek territory, whether in peace or in war, would require prior approval from the Greek Government.

The Greek proposal to Nato was formulated in a nine-point plan which also reserved to the Greek Government the right to decide when Greek forces would take part in Nato manoeuvres, but offered the alliance three vital advantages: continued control and use of the early warning system and other Nato communications, as well as use of the defence infrastructure built with Nato funds in Greece in the last two decades: continued exchange of intelligence information: and continued nuclear warhead stockpiling in Greece.

Mr Karamanlis—support from Britain.

Besides, many members of the European Economic Community have let it be understood that Greece's efforts to accelerate her entry as a full member in the Community would have better chances if she regularized her position in Nato.

Further, after Greece's withdrawal, the post of Allied Naval Commander for the Aegean remains vacant. The Greeks would be very upset indeed if Nato assigned this position to a Turkish admiral at a time when jurisdiction over the Aegean is the object of bitter litigation between Greeks and Turks.

Finally, the Greek economy has been so burdened by the combined impact of the international financial crisis and the massive rearmament programme that the thought of paying vast indemnities to Nato for the extensive and costly infrastructure installations built in Greece (such as highways, airfields, harbours and sophisticated bases) is quite forbidding.

On the other hand, if Greece leaves Nato, Western defence in south Europe is likely to suffer. Greece's absence would create a blind spot between Italy and Turkey in Nato's vital early warning system, while the defensive continuity of the South European Command would be broken, leaving Turkey's western flank exposed and, however unlikely, Nato could hardly afford to disregard the potential value of Greece—neutral or otherwise—to the enemy.

When Mr Karamanlis visited London recently, he received assurances from Mr Harold Wilson that Britain would support his Nato formula. The British view is that the Greeks should not be forced into a position of having to say yes or no to Nato altogether: the Greek Prime Minister has stated that in case of a satisfactory Cyprus settlement Greece might reconsider her position in Nato. Therefore, it is argued, it would be to everybody's advantage to preserve as many defence links as possible between Nato and Greece, until such time as a resumption of full cooperation would again be possible.

Mario Modiano

A running feud with the Greeks

Negotiations on this plan are due to begin in Brussels soon. Turkey and other member nations have expressed opposition on the ground that if each member sought a special military status, little would be left of the alliance.

This view is shared by Dr Joseph Luns, the Secretary-General, who seems to have a running feud with the Greeks, as well as by the Americans, who are concerned lest this loose link might affect their own military presence in Greece. The Greek leaders say that if this formula of cooperation is rejected, they would be forced to quit Nato altogether.

A total break with the alliance would be as costly to the Greeks as it would be to Nato: for one thing it would leave Greece's northern borders exposed while her full military attention is focused eastward because of tension with Turkey.

In the growing isolation of Israel, how just are the accusations against Zionism?

There has never been a secret about the aspirations of Zionism, but the recent UN resolution has again raised the spectre of what was believed to have ended with the fall of Hitler, writes an historian who rejects Zionism as being racist.

The United Nations resolution on Zionism passed earlier this week again raises a spectre believed to have been buried in 1945. There has never been a secret about the aspirations of Zionism. A study of its origins* just published restates what has been common knowledge for at least eight decades: that it was an attempt to provide an answer to the Jewish question and to re-create the Jews as a political nation. For a third of the Jewish people the attempt came too late.

Whether Zionism was a good idea or a bad one has been discussed endlessly, above all among the Jews themselves. In 1948 when the state of Israel came into being, it assumed most of the functions of the Zionist movement, and with the emergence of this new reality the debates about Zionism are now mainly of historical interest. Since the United Nations General Assembly does not as a rule engage in historical research the intention behind the resolution may seem puzzling at first sight.

A great many accusations have been made against Zionism but racism, so far, was not one of them. On the contrary, Arab spokesmen have always insisted on the common ("semitic") racial origin of Jews and Arabs: if so, Arab enmity to Zionism could not possibly be racialist in character. Conversely, of course, Jewish attitudes to their Arab cousins could not be racist either. This argument is a little suspect be it only because there is no semitic race. It collided, moreover, with another frequently voiced Arab thesis, namely that the Jews are not a people, let alone a race, but a religious community. For that reason, if for no other, they have no right to a country and a state of their own.

From the Arab point of view whichever way one looks at it, whether the Jews are "cousins" or whether they are no race at all, Zionism, whatever its other misdeeds, can by definition not be racist. The racism argument, in short, is an exercise in political warfare of a kind not uncommon in international relations and in this context it is not devoid of a certain consistency. Feeling aggrieved about Zionism, Arabs have always tried to enlist outside support against the Jews. The Arab-Israeli conflict is, of course, a clash between two national movements but it is not effective strategy from the Arab point of view to describe it as such. For it is the natural inclination of neutral observers to assume that in such conflicts there are rights and wrongs on both sides. Furthermore, there are a great many such conflicts in the world today, and it has to be shown therefore that this one is somehow unique, with all the rights on one side.

Since there already exist some 20 Arab states but only one that is Jewish, there is the additional danger that unprejudiced observers may reach the conclusion that Jewish insistence that their country should survive is perhaps not altogether unjustified. Thus, to gain sympathy for the Palestinian cause beyond the Arab world it has to be shown that Zionism is not just the enemy of the Arabs but a "danger to all mankind"—which incidentally was the title of a book written by the late Alfred Rosenberg, Hitler's ideological mentor, in the early 1930s.

Such an issue transcending the regional dispute offered itself in the 1920s and 1930s in the form of the "Red Peril". The official Palestinian Arab delegation which came to London in 1922 to demand the abrogation of the Balfour Declaration protested specifically against the influx of "Jewish Bolshevik revolutionaries" into Palestine. There were countless books, pamphlets, and letters to *The Times* and *The Morning Post* during that period denouncing the Zionists as Soviet agents whose "Bolshevik principles" imperilled all that was holy to the Arabs and thus constituted a danger to the world at large.

In 1937 Jamal Hussini, secretary of the Arab Higher Committee, declared in his evidence before the Royal Commission headed by Lord Peel:

As to the Communistic principles and ideas of Jewish immigrants most repugnant to the religion, customs and ethical principles of this country, which are imported and disseminated, I need not dwell upon them as these ideas are well known to have been imported by the Jewish community.

This kind of propaganda, quite effective in the age of fascism, went out of fashion after Hitler's death, and the unfortunate Zionist movement, having been "Bolshevik" in character, has now become "racist" and "imperialist".

The charge is not dismissed as absurd because the international constellation has changed to the detriment of the Jews. In the course of its history Zionism and the State of Israel antagonized not only the Arab countries but also the Soviet block, and have irritated for a variety of reasons the Vatican, the Trotskyites, some oil companies and a great many other people. Third World countries do not greatly care one way or another about the subject, but most of them have suffered from the oil crisis, and there is every incentive not to annoy those who can help them. Thus Israel, a small country without oil or other strategically important minerals, found itself in growing isolation on the international scene.

The League of Nations, with all its weaknesses, eventually rid itself of the dictatorships (Germany in 1933, Italy in 1935 and also the Soviet Union in 1939). The United Nations, on the other hand, has been taken over by a majority which, whatever its internal differences, agrees that dictatorship is beautiful, while democracy is not. Israel failed to adjust itself to these new realities by relinquishing outmoded democratic institutions in favour of a progressive military dictatorship, or at the very least a one-party state. To this extent Arab complaints about the alien character of the Jewish state in the Middle East environment are no doubt correct.

Present-day attitudes towards Zionism are dictated by a great measure of cynicism, whereas the Israeli reaction has been naive, sometimes in the extreme. Thus they tended to assume since the establishment of their state that they had a claim to the support of all men of good will in what still remains of the civilized world. This, of course, is not so.

It is easy to point to the shortsightedness and indecision of successive Israeli governments, particularly in relation to their Arab neighbours, to manifestations of narrow-mindedness and intolerance among public opinion, to the baneful influence of a small but vociferous religious-chauvinistic lobby. It is equally true that in an imperfect world Israel grosso modo is neither better nor worse than other democratic societies. In comparison with the non-democratic countries in the Middle East and elsewhere it still is a paradigm of freedom and human rights. If it has no automatic claim to sympathy or exemption from criticism it has a right to fairness, but this quality too has been in short supply in recent years.

It is possible to understand Arab enmity to Zionism and Israel. It is less easy to find a creditable motive for the passionate advocates of anti-Zionism and antiIsraelism who, being neither Jews nor Arabs, have nevertheless become deeply involved in this conflict between two nations. In the name of justice they denounce the forcible deposing of a suspected Arab terrorist or some archaeological excavation as crimes against humanity. For systematic torture, the murder of political opponents, the extermination of national minorities and other such events elsewhere in the Middle East excuses are readily found or they are passed over in polite silence.

Sometimes the influence of petrodollars, subtly and not so subtly, can be detected with petro-experts and petro-moralists busy at work. But their impact is limited in a free society; much of the passion is genuine and therefore more sinister. For when Alfred Rosenberg called for a crusade against the "world enemy" it was not the handful of Zionists he had in mind. When western critics echo Arab or Soviet references to the Zionist stranglehold over the American economy or attack "Zionist racism", it is not Zionism they aim at. Outside Uganda it is no longer fashionable to praise Hitler openly; where anti-semitism is concerned circumlocution has taken over. But such niceties do not change the fact that blood, as Mr Moynihan recently observed, is in the water and the sharks are gathering again.

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Rapid rise of an Australian Hawk

Mr Malcolm Fraser the caretaker Prime Minister of Australia, is a hawkish politician whose ideas even one of his own followers find outdated. He fits more comfortably into a British view of what an Australian leader should be than does the more radical, cosmopolitan Mr Gough Whitlam.

There are arguably more intelligent men than Mr Fraser in the Liberal and Country Parties, which have held federal power for most of the postwar era. But there is nobody on his side of the House who can approach his dying ambition.

His recent rise to power has been rapid. Although he was considered a potential party leader, there as until this year nothing extraordinary about the pace of his advancement. Mr Fraser, who is 45 is 14 years younger than Mr Whitlam, has represented the same country constituency in Victoria for 20 years. In 19 Mr Fraser resigned as Minister for Defence in a dispute over a newspaper article allegedly that the chief of the general staff had accused him of disloyalty to the army.

The then Prime Minister, Mr John Gorton, had been aware of the content of the article before publication, and Mr Fraser bitterly attacked him for failing to deny the report and have it quashed. The resulting crisis quickly led to Mr Gorton stepping down.

There are to be two more heirs to the Liberal leadership, Mr McMahon and Mr Snedden, before Mr Fraser emerged at the top of the party in March this year.

But it is not disputed that Mr Fraser quickly established himself as a stronger opponent of the Labour administration, and a respected if hardly a loved leader.

He has indicated that he was in no hurry to go to the polls, but it is still a question in the early months of whether he wanted me to play himself in or whether he would go all out to force a general election as the government's narrow parliamentary majority diminished with the loss of a crucial by-election and its credibility suggests with increasing evidence of ministerial bungling in trying to raise foreign loans. He can scarcely have imagined how he would get the premiership—at least for a while.

So his staff were talking of him being impressively on top of his job and of the progress he had made in concerting the attacks on the Government by the opposition parties. Under his command there was no duplication of shadow portfolios.

When I talked to Mr Fraser in his office at Parliament House, Canberra, earlier this year, he never seemed to relax. He was polite but at the same time his manner implied a basic coolness and inflexibility.

The Australian jibe that he is to the right of Ghenghis Khan is unfair. But Mr Fraser is an unashamed conservative in his perceptions of international and domestic affairs, and apt to portray Mr Whitlam, inaccurately as a man of the extreme left.

Mr Fraser is a firm exponent of the American connexion, worried about the rundown of Australian defence expenditure, and the Whitlam rapprochement with Peking and the communist states of Indo-China. He suggests that Labour has neglected Australia's ties with Britain, preferring friendship with the communist and third worlds.

He is, more realistically a critic of the outgoing Government's nationalistic policy on Australia's huge mineral resources. With the country in the throes of recession, with high inflation and unemployment, he has argued that Mr Whitlam, who has been notoriously uninterested in economics, should concentrate his efforts on managing the economy instead of globe-trotting.

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Ronald Butt

Why the Lords must be allowed to keep its teeth

I had better start by declaring an interest in the matter of the House of Lords' resistance to the Government's enabling legislation for closed shops as this affects journalists. As a member of the Institute of Journalists, I am naturally concerned about the possible consequences of a measure which, in certain conditions, and at some more distant date, could inhibit the freedom of expression of journalists whose views on union, political or social issues did not find favour with the closed shop majority.

This danger could be the greater if we are really now moving into a period when the appointment of editors may be increasingly subject to the veto, however informal, of the union representatives of newspaper staffs.

To those who ask why the press alone should claim to be exempt from the closed shop, the answer is that its product is the only one I can imagine whose essential nature could conceivably be affected by a closed shop. I do not suppose that a closed shop in a car or canning factory would affect the design of a car or the contents that are canned, whatever it might do, for better or worse, to productivity. But a closed shop could determine what goes into newspapers—and even if it is only "could", the risk is real enough to take seriously.

This said, what is immediately important is the position being adopted by the Labour Party in respect of the perfectly legitimate exercise by the Lords of the constitutional powers of delay which they were given by a Labour Government in 1949.

Now, it would be perfectly acceptable if a Labour Government came in committed as a matter of principle (not of political revenge) to reform the second chamber, further reduce its delaying powers, substitute a chamber of completely different composition or even embrace uni-cameral government—provided whatever it proposed had been clearly put to the people and thrashed out in the preceding election.

What is not tolerable is to equip the house of Lords with powers, and then threaten to remove these powers if they are used on particular occasions. It is like changing the rules in the middle of a game which you look like losing. Mr Foot and Mr Short go on about the fact that the House of Commons had yet again voted by a considerable majority in a different sense from the Lords. So it had. But the power of the House of Lords exists (as the power of any second chamber worth having would exist) precisely to act as a brake when the Lords have reason to believe that the people as a whole might not sympathize, if they could express an opinion, with what the Commons majority are doing.

One cannot put it better than Lord Bryce did in 1919 when he presented to the Prime Minister (Lloyd George) the Report of the Second Chamber Conference of which he was chairman. The functions of such a Chamber, he said, included "the interposition of so much delay (and no more) in the passing of a Bill into law as may be needed to enable the opinion of the nation to be adequately expressed upon it. This would be specially needed as regards Bills which affect the fundamentals of the Constitution or introduce new principles of legislation, or which raise issues whereon the opinion of the country may appear to be almost equally divided."

That is the minimum function that ought to be exercised by any second chamber worth preserving, and if the Labour Party really believes that we should have uni-cameral government or a second chamber of undistinguished earthworms concerned with no more than the formal revision of Bills, it should go to the country.

There is a strong case now for the substitution of the present House of Lords by a Second Chamber with genuine powers, which cannot be scorned at Labour's convenience because of its composition. The Parliament Act of 1911 which limited the powers of the hereditary House was never intended to be permanent, and eight years afterwards the report by the conference under Bryce's chairmanship expressed very well the problems and possible solutions.

The problem was, of course, composition. A directly elected chamber was rejected on the grounds that this would imply a mandate and rivalry with the Commons. Indirect elections to a Second Chamber on any sort of local authority basis were rejected because they "would certainly introduce party politics into the elections of those county councils and borough councils which had hitherto been conducted on non-party lines . . .".

Instead, a system was proposed for the election of the greater part of the Second Chamber (about 250) by members of the House of Commons acting together in geographical groups representing the regions of the country, and voting privately by proportional representation (the single transferable vote). To save the Second Chamber from violent fluctuations of opinion, members would hold their seats for 12 years, one third retiring every fourth year. It was also to have a section of about 80 members (initially from the old peerage) chosen by a joint standing committee of both Houses.

Something like this system could with advantage be re-examined today. It could at least give the Second Chamber an authority based on the House of Commons as an institution and on regional interests, without making it dependent on any single House of Commons. But, of course, it is significant that the Bryce report's case against elections by local authorities no longer has force since these are now everywhere party-based. Since the cry of our time is for regional representation, why should there not be a Second Chamber based at least in part on a system representing the separate nations and regions of the United Kingdom?

If, of course, we find ourselves on anything like a federal course as a consequence of the flirtation with devolved government, some "state-based" Second Chamber would be almost essential. The House of Commons then really would be faced with a rival Second Chamber, representing separate federal states, which had its own rights—with the risk of possible stalemates between the Houses such as we see in Australia today.

As things are, their system is wholly different from ours and the Governor-General is clearly acting with constitutional propriety in acting to end a constitutionally permitted inter-House deadlock. Indeed, only two lessons can be drawn from the Australian imbroglio—first, that this is what can happen in a non-unitary state; second, that it appears to be an attribute of Labour governments everywhere to wish to change the constitution when it appears to be an obstacle to their wishes.

Let Labour demolish the present House of Lords if they can but something should be put in its place that cannot simply be reviled and threatened every time it uses its legitimate power of delaying long enough for public opinion to make itself felt in matters of constitutional importance or, as in the present case, individual freedom. Mrs Thatcher and Conservatives should think about the possibility of making a stronger, more publicly acceptable Second Chamber one of their causes.

The Times Diary

Why I look forward to tomorrow

You are, dear readers, in for a treat tomorrow. I am giving up control of this Diary (Hooray!), but only for the day (Boo!). It will be taken over by the Rev Jimmy James, a parish priest from Norfolk; and you have Esther Rantzen and the BBC to thank.

Miss Rantzen is producing a series of programmes called *The Big Time*, to be screened next summer. The object is that somebody who does something in a small, amateur way (not, in this case, me, it might surprise some to know) should have a chance to do it professionally, to hit the Big Time, for a day. James qualifies for the honour by being editor of his parish magazine.

It has been an exciting time. It began when James, Miss Rantzen, her assistant Patricia Houlihan and I met for a large lunch at Rule's in Maiden Lane in the late summer. Miss Rantzen is a stickler for spontaneity and would not let James and me talk about the mechanics of diary editing, preferring to let us go into that fresh in front of the cameras. Apart from my spilling a morsel of jugged hare down Miss Rantzen's skirt, the lunch was a success.

The cameras made their first appearance at *The Times* one day last month, to record the (for the purposes of the film) first meeting between James and me. Television crews tour in extraordinarily large groups. There were about a dozen men and women sitting on chairs, desks and floor, obsessively reading our papers. Occasionally one would leap up and brandish a microphone, or one of those sweet little clapper boards which I thought existed only in Hollywood films about Hollywood.

Miss Rantzen knows how to please. "What a magnificent tie you're wearing", were the first words she addressed to me.

James had to come in and shake hands twice, and there was a complex piece of rigmarole in which I had to take his coat. After being wired for sound, we chatted before the cameras to each other and to Miss Rantzen. When we had finished we had to go through some of the motions again, to be filmed at different angles.

Some of the production team went to that day's morning editorial conference, to prepare for filming that significant event this week. One of them quite spoiled the church-like solemnity by coughing spectacularly throughout, but apart from that the day went well.

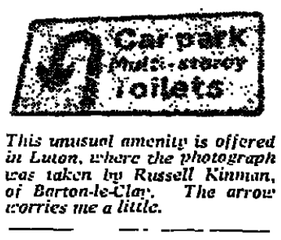
The main filming was this week. When I arrived on Monday the crew seemed even bigger than before and had entirely taken over the office. It was some time before I noticed my secretary bravely opening the mail in the midst of the confusion. The show must go on.

Miss Rantzen said: "What a lovely tie you're wearing." (It was a different tie, but the compliment was less effective the second time around.) I noticed that she and Miss Houlihan had stopped chewing gum but instead Miss Rantzen had taken to destroying paper clips compulsively throughout the filming. When she left, her corner was strewn with the wreckage of metal.

Then we went to the editorial conference, to film me reading out that day's Diary schedule. I thought I did it rather badly but Miss Rantzen said: "You were marvellous. You looked totally bored by the whole thing." Nobody coughed, but the Deputy Editor asked me: "Which one is Esther Rantzen?"

The cameras have been in and out of the office all week, and when they are not here in person there are numerous telephone calls from Miss Houlihan setting up appointments, some of which are kept.

Life will seem dull after today, their last day of filming. You will have to contain your impatience for several months before you see the programme, but I am sure you will enjoy tomorrow's Diary.



This unusual amenity is offered in Luton, where the photograph was taken by Russell Kinman, of Barton-le-Clay. The arrow worries me a little.

In exile

Motorway signs announcing "Ave del Presidente" are about the only remaining indication in San Clemente, California, that this balmy, somewhat dusty piece of Pacific coast was once the alternate White House of Richard Nixon. Fred Emery reports that, true to the image of exile, there is now no outward sign that the Nixons still live at La Casa Pacifica.

The lovely house is hidden in a cluster of palms and by a huge eucalyptus tree, the drive is barred by a large electrically operated gate, which carries a sign saying it is the entrance to the San Mateo coast guard station. A telephone loudspeaker device presumably inspects spoken credentials, but there is no longer any guard, nor flag.

Next to the Nixon property is another gate which is manned by a guard—the entrance to a development of seaside homes. A notice admonishes that there be no sightseeing.

The Nixon property is squeezed between motorway, railway, and the coast, but since only two trains pass each day the railway can hardly be a nuisance. For the locals, one thing has improved since the Nixon presidency expired. The beach, reputed to be one of the best for surfing south of Los Angeles, has been reopened to the public. Groups of young men sport wet suits, that permit them year-round immersion in comfort.

Party time

Connoisseurs of by-elections are impressed by the originality of West Mayo (result today). It is a marvellous mix of high-powered organization and dancing. Liam Cosgrave, the Irish Prime Minister, is putting everything into holding the vital seat. He has sent half a dozen of his Cabinet Ministers, with parliamentary secretaries, as directors of elections in villages and hamlets.

There is plenty for them to do in the constituency, which is almost as long as the distance from London to Birmingham, and 35 miles wide. Tall mountains and long lakes impede progress. Ministers in black Mercedes cars, jacked with canvassers and hecklers, have been speeding up mountain sides and along remote tracks, mopping up doubtfuls.

At about 9 pm torchlight processions, sometimes with singing and drums, light the way to meetings, a few of which begin at a time when most English people are in bed.

Then come the by-election balls and buffets for visiting politicians, helpers and friends in hotels all over the constituency. The very first thing local politicians did when the by-election was announced was to apply to the local judges for a series of licence extensions.

Cabinet Ministers go to up to three balls a night, and at each they are expected to do a turn on the floor. Dancing is a passion in Mayo, the way cricket or football is in England. It's old-time mostly, interspersed with dashing Irish numbers like *The Walls of Limerick* for the robust. Tickets cost £1.50 (or £2.50 for Sinn Fein) and with up to 1,200 dancers overflowing on to the stairs, the fire escapes and the front parlours, a party's funds can benefit up to £800 from one by-election ball.

Unsporting

There was no apparent reason why Joe Bugner should be asked to take part in a fashion show modelling tennis clothes yesterday. Bugner is a boxer, not a male model, and his sport is not tennis, even in his spare time.

Bugner sat patiently in the audience for 10 minutes listening to the fashion commentator overworking the words "super" and "incredibly", then disappeared in the direction of the women's changing room. He reappeared several minutes later looking fairly silly in a men's tight tennis shirt and shorts and a green eyeshield of the kind news editors used to wear in American films.

Bugner was asked about his next big fight, and he said there was just a chance that he might be able to have another crack at Mohammed Ali next year. Not, it is to be hoped, wearing a green eyeshield and tight tennis shirts.

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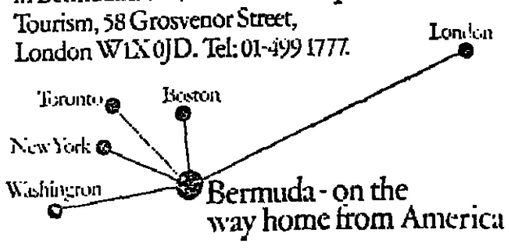

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ISSUE OF JOBS AND JUSTICE

ıael Foot told the House nons yesterday that the ıent propose to use the nt Act procedure to re- the Trade Union and Relations Amendment he House of Lords, and out the House of Lords ents. This Bill is not concerned with the ıor—as is sometimes —is it concerned with the the Industrial Relations 1971, the Conservative is a Bill to amend the Government's Trade d Labour Relations Act which itself repealed the . It removes safeguards ere put in because the Party did not have a in that Parliament. The portant safeguard it is that it repeals section ıe 1974 Act.

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attempts were made ommons and the Lords ıe the 1974 safeguards general terms or more particularly in terms of the freedom of the press. These attempts have mostly been rejected or defeated by the Government. The matter is all the more important because the 1974 Act restored the lawfulness of the closed shop, which had been made unlawful by the Industrial Relations Act of 1971. The issue is not only whether a man should have a right to appeal to the Courts against wrongful exclusion or expulsion from his trade union, but whether he should have the right to appeal against wrongful expulsion from his union when that means the loss of his job, as under a closed shop it does.

We are still in a position where a man wrongfully dismissed by a union or an employer has a legal remedy. The purpose of Mr Foot's Act is to take away that legal remedy in the case of a union and substitute only a system of appeal to be put up by the TUC. The question for the public is this: should your right to work be determined in the last resort by the courts, as under the 1974 Act, or by the trade unions, as under Mr Foot's Bill?

The amendments on press freedom in the House of Lords *have led to* an outburst of bluster by Mr Len Murray, the General Secretary of the TUC. He threatens that the postponement of the right of wrongful trade union dismissal *without legal* recourse "could create the same sort of industrial disturbances as were caused in 1972 and 1973 by the Conservative Government's Industrial Relations Act". In other words a very modest attempt by the House of Lords to limit the effects of this grant of a power to do wrong—since the clause five safeguards only apply if the union does do wrong, is met with the direct threat of industrial action.

Mr Murray claims that this is justified by the fact that this issue was at the forefront of the February, 1974, General Election and that "the people of Britain made their views on the matter known in no uncertain manner". In fact at that election the Labour Party won 301 seats out of 635 with 300,000 fewer votes than the Conservative Party; even in the subsequent October election—in which the question of the rights of trade unions wrongfully to expel their members was not a dominant issue—the Labour Party received less than forty per cent of the votes.

Mr Foot has decided that this Bill will have to go through the House of Commons again. He may come to regret that. Last time too much of the public attention was concentrated on the effect it would have on the press. We are partly to blame for that. This time one can hope that it is the repeal of section five of the 1974 Act which will receive the greatest attention. The first time round the Conservative Party were not in a strong political position. This time round they are in a stronger position to make their arguments *heard, and if they do, they will* stand up for the rights of ordinary trade unionists. Where a man's livelihood is at stake he is entitled not to be excluded or expelled by his union or to be dismissed by his employer without just cause. He is entitled, if wrongfully expelled, to a legal remedy. Thanks to the arrogance and folly of Mr Foot, and his astonishing willingness to waste Government time in the House of Commons, he has lost his bid for this session. The fight to preserve section five of the 1974 Act, an issue on which job security and justice for every trade unionist depends, is now again open.

ND BILL UNLIKELY TO BRING BENEFIT

nges have been made in unity Land Bill, which its vexed progress Parliament yesterday w hours before the end sion. Since the summer ndreds of amendments n passed, most of them y the Opposition in the by the Government in to Opposition objec- ich is the fate of legisla- oduced without proper ion beforehand. Neither ent nor Opposition have there is matter here for onstitutional confronta- *the main principles of* ntimated in two Labour s, have not been ssaulted. But while the rovide many necessary for the landowner and they have made it still kely that the Bill will lo the job it is meant

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The worst of these threats have now been modified (though some decidedly sinister powers remain in reserve for use, it is said, only in exceptional circumstances). But the original proposals were not introduced merely out of distaste for democratic checks and balances. Although the Bill has been proclaimed as a means of making development land more readily available, it must have been obvious even to those who promoted it that in some respects it was bound to slow the planning process down. Once planning permission has been granted, it will be put into suspension until the local authority has decided whether to buy the land (in some circumstances, it will be obliged to, but everywhere the presumption must be that it will intervene far more often). The existing procedure for compulsory purchase, with all its safeguards, is slow; so, now, will be the procedure under the Bill. The cumbersome machinery of planning will be encumbered even more.

Before the Bill was ever drafted, delay was the problem of the moment in planning; a committee was set up to examine it. The problem was partly the *effect of a booming market*. Now the Government, after two years of slump, is in a position to boast that the queue of appeals has almost been eliminated. Yesterday Mr Silkin announced that the most important recommendations of the Dobry committee would not be implemented. They had sought to speed the machinery by proposing different procedures for controversial planning applications and for the great uncontroversial majority which are assured of acceptance sooner or later.

These proposals could not easily be reconciled with the Land Bill, which assigns so different a role to local authorities. *Sir Desmond Heap, returning to* the attack on the Bill in his final Hamlyn lecture last night, declared roundly that it was impossible to reconcile them, and Mr Silkin has in effect conceded the point. What delays the Bill *will cause in an unreformed* system once economic activity picks up can easily be envisaged. Sir Desmond, who believes that "bureaucratic institutions should not be expected to have development initiative", has perhaps an unduly low opinion of the capacity of public bodies, and he overstates the unanimity of professional opposition to the Bill (the Royal Town Planning Institute and the Town and Country Planning Association have withdrawn their strongest objections in the light of amendments to the Bill), but his central charge, that the measure is a *threat to the public accountability* and to the efficiency of planning procedures, has as much force as ever.

RAVEL FOR DR SAKHAROV

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That these people are curbed is therefore an achievement in the context of Moscow politics. Admittedly Dr Sakharov is a special case. He is famous abroad and he probably enjoys some sympathy among Soviet technocrats, who see the connexion between bureaucratic oppression and economic inefficiency. He is therefore able to say things which earn other people long periods in labour camps. But the fact that even in this special case the Soviet Government is relatively more responsive to world opinion than to the primitives among its own people is significant and is one of the things that makes détente worth while.

Western insistence on linking détente with human rights is one of the things that most annoys the Soviet Union. It is, however, a simple political reality as well as being now enshrined in the Helsinki agreements. Western public opinion does not like its politicians doing business with oppressive governments. It has, on the whole, supported détente because it assumed that the Soviet and east European governments were becoming less oppressive and therefore more acceptable as partners in business and negotiation. It also rightly assumed that the lowering of tension in Europe depended on gradual changes in Soviet attitudes towards matters such as travel, information and human rights in Eastern Europe.

Détente therefore depends both on the the Soviet Union continuing to show some regard for western opinion and on western opinion continuing to believe that Soviet attitudes are evolving in a more liberal direction. At the moment things are looking rather wobbly in both these areas, and the Sakharov decision is one symptom. Obviously Moscow is nervous about the expectations aroused by the Helsinki conference. It is also uncertain about its own political succession and about the line that will emerge from the party congress next February. In such conditions people try to take safe decisions or no decisions at all. It is therefore possible that the phase is only temporary. But the Soviet leaders are doubtless aware that in the long run their treatment of dissidents cannot be divorced from their foreign policy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defect in Mental Health Act

From Mr Michael J. Bellis

Sir, It is disturbing after some 15 years that it only now becomes apparent that certain provisions of the Mental Health Act, 1959, require urgent amendment (Mr S. R. Speller's letter, November 11, 1975). May I bring to notice a further defect in the implementation of another section of the Act?

My firm presently represents a young man charged with murder who has been in custody since April 1 this year, and who was committed for trial as long ago as May 21, but still awaits trial. During August a close relative went to visit him at HM Prison, Brixton, only to discover that he had been transferred to Rampton Psychiatric Hospital without her, the other relatives, or even ourselves as defence solicitors having been informed.

The transfer direction had been effected under Section 73 of the Act which states briefly—that if the Secretary of State is satisfied by reports from at least two medical practitioners that a person awaiting trial is suffering from mental illness, psychopathic disorder, subnormality or severe abnormality; and also that the disorder is of such a nature that it warrants detention of the prisoner in a hospital for medical treatment, then the Secretary of State may direct that the prisoner be removed to and be detained in hospital for such treatment.

The Governor of Brixton, upon inquiry, informed me that when the transfer direction was issued, the Home Office would have informed the trial court (in this case the Old Bailey) and it had been assumed that the court then informed the relatives and/or the solicitor for the defence.

The courts administrator at the Central Criminal Court has advised me in writing, however, that they are not informed of transfers of prisoners and cannot therefore have any responsibility in the matter.

In this particular instance great distress was caused to the relatives and surely, in 15 years, this situation must have occurred before. However, it seems that there are no provisions in the Act for telling anyone, and there are obviously no satisfactory arrangements outside the terms of the Act. I should be interested to learn of any change in procedure that the Secretary of State has in mind to obviate such difficulties arising in the future.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL J. BELLIS,
Edward Oliver & Bellis,
Solicitors and Commissioners for Oaths,
PO Box 15, Broadway Chambers,
1 Cranbrook Road,
Ilford, Essex.
November 11.

Shared printing plants

From Mr Michael Finley

Sir, On behalf of the Guild of British Newspaper Editors may I say how appreciative we were of the excellent coverage which you gave to our oral submissions to the Royal Commission on the Press (*The Times*, October 31). However, I would like, if I may, to correct one small but important point of presentation.

Your reporter quoted me as saying that the guild "opposed any plan to establish printing plants, either on a nationalized or a co-operative basis". In fact we did not state our opposition to such proposals in principle. The burden of our evidence was to ask how it was that such plants would be free from what the Commission referred to as "censorship imposed by market forces". Our point was that unless such plants had the benefit of very substantial government subsidies their costs would be at least as great as those of present printing concerns, and that since it was possible to make use of present resources at something very close to cost, it was difficult to see what special benefits could accrue from publicly owned facilities.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL FINLEY, Chairman,
Parliamentary & Legal Committee,
Guild of British Newspaper Editors,
6 Carmelite Street, EC4.
November 5.

Devolution

From Mr Ken Chamberlin

Sir, Would it not be prudent for the English to re-fortify Hadrian's Wall and Offa's Dyke?

Yours truly,
KEN. CHAMBERLIN,
Maryland,
Seaford, Sussex.
November 8.

The Equity meetings

From Miss Vanessa Redgrave

Sir, In the letter you have published today (November 12) from Marius Goring and Nigel Davenport it is stated that at the close of the three Special General Meetings of Equity held at the Coliseum last Sunday, I announced that the council and the Davenport-Olivier proposals had been "overwhelmingly defeated". At no time and to no one did I make such a comment, nor any comment to the press. This statement was the innovation of the newspapers which reported the meeting.

Am I to understand from this letter that Marius Goring and Nigel Davenport are in favour of a referendum calling for the decision of the Special General Meeting, governed by the rule in the constitution of Equity which requires that rule changes receive a two-thirds majority, to be ignored?

Yours, etc,
VANESSA REDGRAVE,
18 St Peter's Square, W6.
November 12.

In the letter printed yesterday from Mr Marius Goring and Mr Nigel Davenport on the Equity meetings the Davenport-Olivier motion failed to achieve a two thirds majority by 161 votes, and not by 16 as printed.

Recording confessions by accused

From Mr G. Selva Rajan

Sir, Your editorial "A Disquieting Miscarriage of Justice" (October 18) rightly points out, "An independent element during police interrogation is needed". I write as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of India.

The British jurists, when they enacted in the thirties the Indian Evidence Act, had the benefit of centuries of experience of English Common Law and the rules of evidence that had been evolved. According to the provisions of this Act, *no statement* made to a police officer, except the first information of a crime, is admissible as evidence in court unless (a) it was made in the presence of another independent person, or (b) as a result of the statement the officer does something which leads to the discovery of material evidence eg, a weapon hidden away, or stolen articles, new witnesses etc. A *confession* by an accused has to be taken down by a magistrate, no police officer being present at the time, who has to make sure that the confession was made voluntarily.

It places a severe burden of uncertainty on the judges and magistrates if they are to decide when to believe a particular police officer's evidence of an alleged admission or confession made by an accused while in custody. If the basis of a confession be that it is voluntary, can there be any reason why it could not be made to a magistrate a few hours afterwards?

Your editorial states. "Regrettably in many cases allegations of police 'verballing' are found to have some element of truth". The police officers themselves may very well welcome such a measure for it removes from their shoulders the onerous task of having to prove that the admission of the accused was really made to them and was also voluntary.

Law reformers could well consider why such a civilized and secure measure which was suitable in colonial India 40 years ago could not be introduced in England now?

Yours faithfully,
G. SELVA RAJAN,
61 Galveston Road, SW15.

Defence counsel's fees

From Mr N. T. Cox

Sir, It has been interesting to follow the correspondence on defence counsel's fees and while I am aware that the reduction of fees payable to certain counsel is not the only principle involved, this action has certainly "got under the skin" of some of your correspondents, as evidenced by the facetious letter from Mr Scrivener (November 7).

Having served two terms of jury duty comparatively recently I have had the opportunity to witness tactics of defence counsel from an advantageous viewpoint. In one case on which I served the defence counsel made a blatant attack on the integrity of police witnesses, endeavouring to discredit the witness and to illustrate that certain procedures had not been correctly followed. In this case the accused were eventually acquitted and I subsequently wondered whether the defence counsel thought that his tactics led to this result. In fact the prosecution witness was a self-confessed liar and as the only corroborating evidence was of a circumstantial nature it was felt that it would be quite wrong to bring in a verdict of guilty. (How we would have appreciated the possibility of bringing a verdict of "not proven".)

In this case the tactics of the defence counsel had the only effect on me of reducing my respect for him.

I wonder if counsel in these circumstances ever stop to ponder whether their tactics might in fact prove counterproductive.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN T. COX,
15 Langside Crescent,
Southgate, N14.

The GLC and industry

From the Leader of the GLC

Sir, The GLC share the Government's concern about the decline of Britain's manufacturing industries and supports its policy of giving top priority to reversing that decline as outlined in last week's "Approach to industrial strategy".

As the nation's largest industrial centre London clearly has a major role to play in this new policy designed to regenerate British industry. But London's manufacturing industry has been in a state of serious decline.

Since 1961 the capital has lost nearly half a million manufacturing jobs. The percentage of London's workforce employed in manufacturing industries has dropped from 33 per cent in 1961 to 24 per cent in 1974. This is lower than the national average of 30 per cent stated in the Government's document.

We at County Hall see the Government's policy as a new opportunity and one that has two important implications for the future of London's manufacturing industries.

First, the Government says that industrial output is the key objective of its policy and that it will analyse industry's performance sector by sector to determine where its aid should best be employed. It recognizes that there will be industries in the same sector with different performance levels in different areas.

We therefore hope that this analysis will reveal why it is that some industries which have been growing in the country as a whole, like electrical and mechanical engineering, food, drink and tobacco, chemical and printing and publishing, have at the same time actually been declining in London. We also hope this analysis will indicate what needs to be done as a consequence to put London's firms in a position where they will once again be able to achieve the major contribution needed for our national recovery. Whatever the answer, it must mean some injection of additional resources into London and other conurbations.

Secondly, the new policy suggests that if the Government is to succeed in its aims it will need to be more flexible in where it allows industry to increase its output. Firms in London, for example, could step up output much more quickly if they are allowed to stay and expand in London than if they are forced to make an expensive and certainly time consuming move outside London. The Government will therefore have to relax its policy of restricting industrial expansion in London.

There is a further point we would like to make on the Government's new approach. While we welcome its intention to have regular discussions with both sides of industry we were concerned that no mention was made in the document of the part to be played by local government. For it is authorities like the *GLC* that are responsible for drawing up plans for land use, for masterminding transport and for planning the development of the general infrastructure, all of which set the conditions industry operate.

London's large and complex infrastructure is deteriorating and urgently needs an injection of resources to create a new springboard for increasing industrial output. London's docklands is an obvious case in point. The continued decline of the capital's infrastructure would strike a blow not only to London's industrial performance but would also rob the nation of a key contribution in getting the nation back on its industrial feet.

Yours sincerely,
REG GOODWIN,
The County Hall, SE1.

Oxford Union appeal

From Dr Janet Morgan

Sir, During the past few days some criticisms of the Oxford Union Society have been made in your columns by Messrs Parsons, Kettle and Pegg (November 7). Their letters deserve an answer.

The misconceptions of Mr Parsons's letter (November 4) have been sufficiently exposed in the reply from Mr Critchley (November 8). Not only is the Oxford University Students Union hardly a "central student union", being unrepresentative in character with meetings that are poorly attended, but it is not celebrated for either administrative or financial competence. It is perhaps worth observing that attendance at the Oxford Union Society's debates is far higher than that at "open meetings" of the other body. Furthermore, the Oxford Union Society is open to all members of the university and one of the results of a successful appeal will be to keep subscriptions at a level that undergraduates can afford.

Mr Parsons implied that the financial difficulties of the union society sprang from its reluctance to countenance the establishment of a central student union. The facts are quite different. A scheme of this kind was fully investigated (but ultimately rejected because the university authorities declined to underwrite it) between 1969 and 1971; a large portion of the society's debt can be directly attributed to the loss of subscription income during that period. Small wonder, then, that the union society is determined to seek its own solution and preserve its independence.

Unlike Mr Kettle (November 1), many people do believe that the union society has been and still is valuable to them and of relevance to their concerns. It is heartening to report that, despite the criticisms, or in some cases because of them, donations to the appeal are now arriving from the society's friends and beneficiaries.

Yours faithfully,
JANET MORGAN,
Senior Librarian,
Oxford Union Society.

Doctors' contracts

From Mr A. E. Young and others

Sir, We have read the letter from Professor Morris and his colleagues (November 1) and we applaud their concern for the standards of medical training and clinical care.

Those of us who represent the majority of junior hospital doctors in the London area feel however that Professor Morris and his colleagues in abhorring the principle of "overtime" payments for doctors have misunderstood the intentions underlying the new contract for junior hospital doctors. The new contract seeks to depart from the present system of "extra duty payments" with its associated clock watching and form filling to a position where the doctor is free to get on with his job unhindered by that very concern for hours that Professor Morris and his colleagues fear. The new contract does not seek in any way prospectively to define, limit or reduce the hours that a doctor will *actually* work but merely seeks to reflect as a salary supplement the sort of workload that his job is likely to entail.

The "open ended contract" which Professor Morris advocates has of course many appalling features but experience has shown that under the present arrangements for salary negotiations there is no prospect of obtaining a basic salary for hospital doctors which would reflect the expectations of those who work and will continue to work very long hours. The changing face of hospital medicine in this country suggests that those groups of doctors who as juniors work long hours can no longer expect that hard work to be rewarded when they reach the consultant grade. It is therefore neither improper nor unfair to reward them now by supplements to their salaries.

Yours, etc,
A. E. YOUNG, Chairman,
S. E. Thames Hospital Junior Staff Committee,
D. F. H. WARDLE, Chairman,
N. W. Thames Hospital Junior Staff Committee,
J. W. EDDY, Chairman,
N. E. Thames Hospital Junior Staff Committee,
P. COYLE, Chairman,
S. W. Thames Hospital Junior Staff Committee,
as from BMA House,
Tavistock Square, WC1.
November 1.

Safety precautions at safari park

From Mrs Maria W. Herndon

Sir, Several days ago I heard that a young keeper was killed by a tiger in Windsor Safari Park. It might be of some use if I were to tell you what happened to me there early last spring.

I had a cousin from Paris staying with me, and one rainy day we drove out to Windsor to see St George's Chapel and Queen Mary's Doll's House. As the rain became a drizzle we decided to take a look at the animals in the safari park before returning to London.

Mine was the only car in the compound at the time, as evidently the bad weather had discouraged other visitors. We passed the tigers—I believe I saw two at a respectable distance—and we were amongst the lions. There were many of them, and they lay about in elegant postures or sat on the lower branches of the trees on either side of the road. One large lion lay stretched across it. I was going very slowly, and when I reached him he stalked off, very dignified.

Unfortunately we had to return the way we had come. This time "my" lion was back on the road, lying fully across it, and he evidently had no intention to move. On the contrary, he leaped on to the bonnet of the car, and pawed at the windshield, gnashing his teeth at us. My cousin likes cars, and found this larger specimen most attractive at close range. I prefer dogs. Furthermore, I was not at all sure the windshield would resist the weight of a full-grown lion, bent on getting at us.

There was not a keeper in sight. I decided to try the horn, very gingerly. I was instantly surrounded by at least a dozen lions, all pawing at us, and trying to jump on to the roof of the car. The bonnet was already occupied. What now? A quick dash for it, with the hope that the lion in front would be shaken off eventually. But what if he were hurt?

I put my foot on the accelerator hard, the lion clung on but did fall off pretty soon, though he ran alongside, looking very angry. When I got to the keepers' hut I was "not amused" and told this to the two young men who had taken shelter inside. I like to think it was the rain that had made them invisible. They just laughed. I swore I would never take any children to Windsor Safari Park. Back in London nobody quite believed our story, but the large muddy paw-marks all over my dark blue car were convincing enough.

Sincerely,
MARIA W. HARNDEN,
16 The Gateways,
Sprimont Place, SW3,
November, 9.

Gossip columns

From Mr Nigel J. Seed

Sir, If Mr Watts (November 11) has read "Lady Windermere's Fan", he must surely know that the mongering is infinitely more objectionable than the scandal. Oscar Wilde puts Mr Rees-Mogg's case so succinctly: "Gossip is charming! History is merely gossip. But scandal is gossip made tedious by morality."

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL J. SEED,
29 Montpelier Square, SW7.

From Mr Nigel Dempster

Sir, I am indebted to PHS for bringing my name, column and newspaper to the attention of his readers for the fifth time this year but he appears confused by my phrase "generated comment".

It is true that I carried an item concerning Roy Mason, a Minister I admire much, two days after a roughly similar item appeared in PHS, of which I was aware at the time.

But to construe my publication of the piece as generation of comment is risible. I stand by my words in *UK Press Gazette* this week that PHS has not published one scoop in the two year period I have been editing the *Mail* diary while *The Times* has consistently followed up my exclusives for the benefit of its diminishing readership.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL DEMPSTER,
Diary Editor,
Daily Mail,
Carmelite House, EC4.
November 12.

Cats and dogs

From Dr John Wall

Sir, The medico-legal aspect should not be forgotten; Scottish pounds have descended on it. A doctor briefed us as follows:—

"One of my patients called to consult me at my surgery; the morning was extremely wet and blustery and, as he opened my front garden gate, with his head down against the wind, my cat, which he had not noticed, fell from the top of the gate on to his head knocking off his glasses (bifocals), which were damaged and will require replacement. . . ."

The patient thought the doctor should pay. Our Scottish legal advisers were consulted. No, they said, the doctor was not liable for the depredations, whether malicious or inadvertent, of his cat. Now, if it had been his dog. . . .

This precedent does not of course bind decent cat-dog arbiters in the neighbouring jurisdiction which includes Worcester College, Oxford.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WALL,
The Medical Defence Union,
3 Devonshire Place, W1.
November 11.

From Mr Michael B. Rubinstein

Sir, Did Farquhar Lewis know that on August 29, 1855, *The Times* reported the shooting by a hound ("accidentally") of the joint Master of the Devon and Somerset Staghounds *and* the huntsman? It might be thought interest progress only to halve that achievement over 20 years later. But is there not now a real danger of some hound shooting Mr Levin deliberately?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL RUBINSTEIN,
5 and 6 Raymond Buildings,
Gray's Inn, WC1.
November 10.

J. Pratt

Bushell's conclusion) would appear to be misleading. Lucifer an before his fall. The Easter Proclamation the morning star find its flame still burning, yea that morning star which knoweth no setting; yea he who from the grave returning shone serene upon his humankind". Revelation 22 v16 confirms . . . "I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." Some would say that the irony is in the choice of this name for a communist newspaper.

Yours faithfully,
K. G. PRATT,
83 New Park,
March,
Isle of Ely.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 12: His Excellency Mr Yong Nyuk Lin was received in audience by The Queen this morning and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for the Republic of Singapore in London.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the High Commission who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr Ong Theng Hong (Counsellor), Mr David Pung (First Secretary), Mr Chan Kok Keen (Second Secretary), Mr Wah John Hin (Senior Attaché), Mr Sienappoo Ratnagopal (Attaché) and Miss Christine Seet (Attaché).

Mrs Yong had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Thomas Brimelow (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

His Excellency Señor Don Manuel Fraga-Iribarne and Señora de Fraga-Iribarne were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Spain to the Court of St James's.

Her Majesty held a Council at 12.40 o'clock this afternoon.

There were present: the Right Hon Edward Short, MP (Lord President), the Lord Shepherd (Lord Privy Seal), the Right Hon Joel Barnett, MP (Chief Secretary, Treasury) and the Right Hon Brian O'Malley, MP (Minister of State, Department of Health and Social Security).

Mr Neville Leigh was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Right Hon Edward Short, MP, had an audience of The Queen before the Council.

The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited the Laboratories of Parsecentre International at Melbourn, Cambridgeshire.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was received upon arrival at Cambridge Airport by Her Majesty's Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Sir Stanley Fordham).

The Duke of Edinburgh later attended a Conversazione held to mark the Centenary of the appointment of the first Professor of Engineering of Cambridge University at the University's Engineering Department.

Captain Charles Fenwick was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales this evening attended the Michaelmas term Grand Night Dinner at Gray's Inn.

KENSINGTON PALACE

November 12: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester this evening attended a Concert in tribute to the late Sir Arthur Bliss given by Miss Marguerite Wolff and the Melos Ensemble.

Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

November 12: The Duke of Kent today visited the Admiralty Underwater Weapons Establishment at Portland.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN.

The Duchess of Kent this morning opened Fulford Home for the Elderly in York and in the afternoon opened Peasholme House, recently restored by the York Civic Trust, of which Her Royal Highness is Patron. The Duchess, as Patron, subsequently visited the York Branch of The Samaritans.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

November 12: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy this evening dined in Hall with the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple on the occasion of the Grand Day of Michaelmas Term.

The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent, as Colonel Scots Guards, will take the junior graduation parade at the Guards Depot, Pirbright, on December 5.

Viscountess Bearsted regrets being unable to attend Mrs Miriam Sacher's memorial service on Wednesday, November 12, 1975.

Today's engagements

The Prince of Wales visits headquarters, Welsh National Development Authority, Brecon, 9.30; later attends "Wales in Bloom" meeting, New County Hall, Brecon, 2.40.

The Duke of Kent, president, attends reception, Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies, Whitehall, 6.30.

Princess Alexandra opens sheltered housing scheme of Hingham Housing Association, Mulbarton, Norfolk, 3.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester attends meeting of St John's Ladies Guild, 1 Grosvenor Crescent, 11.

Birthdays today

Miss Hermione Baddeley, 67; Air Marshal Sir Gareth Clayton, 61; Sir Arnold Lindley, 73; Sir Pencril Moon, 70; Admiral Sir William O'Brien, 59; Mr John Barrow, 69; Sir Graham Vincent, [illegible]

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs C. D. F. Musker was christened Rupert Anthony on November 9, 1975, at St John's Church, Rushford, by the Rev R. M. Winter. The godparents are Lord Tollemache (for whom Mr Nicholas S. Snuelson stood proxy), Mr Rory Musker, Mr Reggie Sheffield (for whom Mr Jim McIntyre stood proxy) and Mrs Frances Samuelson.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Mowbray Nicholas, Director of Agriculture in charge of Agricultural Development, Ghana, to be the first Director of the Food Production and Rural Development Division in the Commonwealth Secretariat. The setting up of the division was proposed at the meeting of Commonwealth ministers last March.

Air Marshal Sir Harry Burton to be chairman of the management committee of Princess Marina House, in succession to Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle.

Major-General J. D. E. Smith to be president of the London branch of the Royal Military College Club of Canada.

Mr Peter Sainsbury to be head of production for the British Film Institute Production Board.

Museum leased

The Higher Mill Museum of textile machinery at Helmshore has been leased by its trustees to Lancashire County Council, which has agreed to provide staff and pay running costs.

Television award

Granada Television's *World in Action* investigation into the CIA has won the gold medal award at the International Film and Television Festival of New York. The three-part series was shown in Britain in June.

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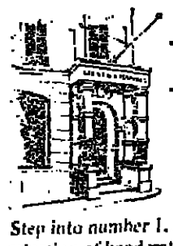

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America regarded as a state of mind

By a Staff Reporter

Professor Daniel Boorstin, Librarian of Congress, suggested in his first Reith Lecture last night that America was a state of mind as well as a mass of land. When Columbus and the other great navigators bumped into America, he said, they did more than discover a new continent; they Americanized the imagination of Europe and opened windows on previously unimaginable possibilities. The experience and the expectation of the world had never been the same since the discovery of America.

Professor Boorstin drew a distinction between a discoverer and an explorer. The discoverer is a finder of something he sets out to look for, like Columbus. The explorer is a searcher of uncertain paths to the unknown with no idea of what he may find there.

"Every age is inclined to give its laurels to the discoverers, those who finally arrive at the long-thought-inaccessible known destination" he said. "But posterity, the whole human community, owes its laurels to the happener upon dark continents of the earth and of the mind, the courageous wanderer in worlds never known to be there. He is the explorer."

Before America the human imagination shrank from dark places and the unknown. After America we were all centrifugal explorers for whom even the sky was not the limit.

Professor Boorstin's lecture described how the American experience stirred mankind from discovery to exploration, from the cautious quest for what they knew (or thought they knew) was out there, into an enthusiastic reaching to the unknown.

The vast areas of ocean that turned out to cover most of the globe, in spite of what the medieval maps showed, and the American void itself had profound psychological effects on man's way of looking at the world that are still potent today.

The enormous unpeopled ocean vacuum and the American void became preconditions for revealing new possibilities in English institutions, for allowing whole communities to become explorers of an American unknown.

In Professor Boorstin's vocabulary of world history a "verge" is a boundary between anything and anything else—including the boundary between the known and the unknown, the familiar and the strange.

He argued that the encounter in the new world between disparate epochs and disparate civilizations was an example of a fertile verge: "That is a place where new ideas and new institutions grow, where new opportunities appear, where commerce in products and in thought can flourish. A verge is a kind of landscape—of the earth or of the mind—that willy-nilly makes every man and woman into an explorer."

The frontier, that place of encounter between the westward-moving settlements of modern Europeans and the wilderness, which some historians call the secret of American vitality and the incubator of American democracy, is only one example of Professor Boorstin's verge. He said: "America was a whole continent of verges, of countless edges between the known and the unknown, of innumerable surprising encounters.

"During its first centuries the United States would experience more different kinds of verges than any other great modern nation. The vastness and variety of the continent created countless opportunities for immigrants within. As the numbers and kinds of immigrants multiplied, verges multiplied in geometric progression."

Professor Boorstin will continue his stimulating exploration of the American experience next Wednesday evening.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr D. S. Badham and Miss J. L. Gilbert

The engagement is announced between David Stephen, younger son of Mrs E. Badham, of Christchurch, and of the late Rev Leslie Badham, and Julia Lorraine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Gilbert, of Grey Walls, Combe Martin, North Devon.

Mr D. W. Bisacre and Mrs R. E. Day

The engagement is announced between David Bisacre, of Maple Cottage, Bishop's Stortford, and Ruth Day, of 28 Denmark Road, Wimbledon. The marriage will shortly take place in Torquay.

Mr K. G. Brown and Miss V. J. Stirling

The marriage will take place shortly between Keith Graham, only son of Mr and Mrs H. Brown, of Oldham, Lancashire, and Victoria Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Stirling, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr R. A. Canner and Miss V. R. M. Keys

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs G. R. Canner, of Sevenoaks, and Victoria, elder daughter of Professor and Mrs Ivor Keys, of 6 Eastern Road, Birmingham, 29.

Mr M. Firman and Miss M. C. N. Cassar

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the late Mr and Mrs A. Firman, of Watford Road, Harrow, Middlesex, and Marie-Christine, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Cassar, of Barons Court, London.

Mr R. G. George and Miss H. E. Sinclair

The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mrs J. George, of Chigwell, Essex, and of Mr J. G. George, of Woking, Surrey, and Helen, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T. A. C. Sinclair, of Montreal, Canada.

Mr J. W. Hahn and Miss E. A. M. Rixson

The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. W. Hahn, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Air Commodore Denis Rixson, OBE, DFC, AFC, and Mrs Rixson, of Crofton, West Lane, East Grinstead.

Mr J. A. P. Hutchinson and Miss F. L. Grant

The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Dr and Mrs S. A. Hutchinson, 35 Russell Drive, Bearsden, Glasgow, and Fiona, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. W. Grant, 5 Gascoyne, East Kilbride, Glasgow.

Mr H. K. MacNab and Miss S. J. Hamilton

The engagement is announced between Hamish, youngest son of the Rev H. S. D. and Mrs MacNab, Kilrenny, and Sheila, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Hamilton, of Polmont.

Mr E. A. Matthiae and Miss A. M. Stenhouse

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs A. R. Matthiae, of Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey, and Amanda, daughter of Mr A. B. Stenhouse, JP, FRCOG, and Mrs Stenhouse, of Queens Road, Kingston upon Thames.

Mr A. A. Naqvi and Miss H. C. Lewison

The engagement is announced between Asghar, youngest son of Mrs Z. Naqvi and the late Mr G. Naqvi, of Karachi, and Hilary Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Lewison, of East Dean, Chichester.

Mr D. F. Peet and Miss L. J. M. Poynter

The engagement is announced from Sydney, Australia, between David Falconer, elder son of the late Captain I. F. Peet, MC, and Mrs V. A. Peet, of Keepers Cottage, Lenborough, Buckingham, and Louise, daughter of Captain D. A. Poynter, CVO, MBE, RN, and Mrs Poynter, of Crowduk Cottage, 1 Echo Barn Lane, Farnham, Surrey.

Mr M. P. Richmond-Coggan and Miss J. H. Grant Duff

The engagement is announced between Martin, younger son of Colonel F. E. Richmond-Coggan, of Ferninghem, Kent, and the late Mrs F. E. Richmond-Coggan, and Joanna, daughter of Dr I. G. Grant Duff, of Much Dewchurch, Herefordshire, and Mrs Edith Cook, of Luton, Bedfordshire.

Mr P. J. Robertson and Miss S. H. Dimock

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs J. F. Robertson, of Sawbridgeworth, and Sallyanne Hamilton, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R. Dimock, Four Ways, Nazeing, Essex.

Captain M. Smythe and Miss S. Paget-Cooke

The engagement is announced between Captain Michael Smythe, Royal Horse Artillery, son of Major and Mrs Peter Smythe, of Lewes, and Sally, elder daughter of Mr Richard Paget-Cooke, of Sydney, Australia, and Mrs Dorothy Paget-Cooke, of Cookham, Berkshire.

Mr R. M. J. Stewart and Miss D. J. Sanderson

The engagement is announced between Robert Michael Justice, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs A. D. J. Stewart, of Pentlow House, Pyrford Heath, Woking, Surrey, and Diana Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs L. B. Sanderson, of Wyaston Grove, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

Church news

Latest appointments include:

Diocese of Truro

The Rev T. Ian Carranlett, priest-in-charge of Flushing, to be priest-in-charge of St Day.

The Rev P. M. Williamson, curate of St Mary with St Paul, Penzance, to be vicar of Mullion.

Mrs Thatcher with a bronze bust presented to her yesterday at Westminster by Mrs Beatrice Murray, the sculptor, who is one of her constituents in Barnet, Finchley.

Dinners

Gray's Inn

The Prince of Wales, Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn, was present yesterday evening at the Grand Day dinner in Gray's Inn Hall and was received by the Treasurer, Professor C. J. Hamson, QC. The guests included:

The High Commissioner for Canada, the Archbishop of Birmingham, Sir Reginald Chetwi, Vice-President du Conseil d'Etat, the Treasurer of the Middle Temple, Sir Spencer Maclachlan, and Squadron Leader David Checketts.

Inner Temple

Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy and Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma attended a dinner in hall given by the Treasurer, Viscount Dilhorne, and the Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple yesterday evening, being Grand Day of Michaelmas Term. Among the guests were:

Viscount Bard of Merton, the Bishop of Middleton, Lord Chesham, Lord Denning, Lord Beswick, Lord Byers, Lord Margadale, Lord Butler of Saffron Walden, Lord Redmayne, Lord Cross of Chelsea, Lord Widgery, Mr Roy Jenkins, MP, Sir David Renton, QC, MP, Mr William Whitelaw, MP, Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble-Percy-Hart, Sir George Coldstream, QC, Master, Sir Reginald MacDonald-Buchanan, Mr James Griffiths, Brigadier D. B. N. Colvin, Mr Michael McCrum and Commander R. S. Flynn, RN (auditor-treasurer).

Carpenters' Company

The Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs and officers of the Corporation of London were entertained by the Master, Dr J. A. Moody, and the Wardens of the Carpenters' Company at dinner at Carpenters' Hall yesterday evening. Lord Hill of Luton proposed the toast of the guests.

Drivers Jonas

The partners of Drivers Jonas held a dinner yesterday evening at Clothworkers' Hall to mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of the firm. Mr Robin Bishop presided, and the other speakers were Mr Nigel Clutton and the Rev William Baddeley. The guests included:

The Earl of Perth, Mr Mark and Lady Theresa Amory, Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen, MP, Dr D. Mervyn Bigland, Mr W. Bowen, Sir Oliver Chesterton, Mr F. L. Cleary, Mr P. R. Dashwood, Professor D. R. Denman, Major-General R. H. Fairrie, Miss C. M. Hall, Sir Robert Mansell, Lady Phillips, Mr M. I. Prevett, Sir Ideal Pugh, Mr A. Sylvester-Evans, and Mr J. A. F. Watson.

Chemical Society

The president, Dr F. A. Robinson, presided at a dinner held yesterday evening at Burlington House to mark a new cooperation agreement between the Chemical Society and the American Chemical Society, who were represented by Professor William J. Bailey, president, Dr Herman S. Bloch, chairman board of directors, and Dr Robert W. Cairns, executive director. Others present were:

Mr Edmund Dell, Paymaster General, Professor C. C. Addison, Dr J. W. Barrett, Professor Sir Derek Barton, Mr Roy Crook, Professor Sir Samuel Edwards, Sir Alan Hofkin, Mr T. P. Hughes, Dr John K. Hulm, Mr J. S. Hunter, Professor Sir Evan Jones, Dr A. K. Kent, Mr Ian Lloyd, MP, Sir David Martin, Sir Harry Melville, Sir William Pile, Professor Sir George Porter, Mr P. W. Kidley, Mr J. R. Buck Keene, Professor J. E. Salmon, Mr E. Sharp, Dr A. Spinks and Mr G. J. Williams.

Machine Tool Trades Association

The annual dinner of the Machine Tool Trades Association was held at Grosvenor House last night. The president, Mr G. W. J. Trowbridge, was in the chair, and the principal guest and speaker was Sir Monty Finniston.

Fruiterers' Company

The Master and Wardens of the Fruiterers' Company held a dinner to the court of assistants yesterday evening at Innholders' Hall. The Master, Mr R. A. Sice, proposed the toast of the guests to which the Provost of Blackburn replied. Mr G. N. Hope-Mason, Mr J. J. Wells, MP, and Mr D. L. Hohnen, clerk, also spoke.

Colonial Bank and Trust Company

Mr F. M. White, president, and Mr C. B. Barlow, vice-president—international, The Colonial Bank and Trust Company, were hosts at a dinner held at the Savoy Hotel on Tuesday evening. Among those present were:

Mr Nicholas Scott, MP, Mr Rodney D. Galpin, Mr Ernle Money, Mr Frank J. Cassold, Mr Rupert Cox, Mr Steven Davis, Sir Derrick Ranson, Mr Mark Holland, Mr Jeffrey Rowles, Mr Rowland Lees, Mr Maurice Pinto and Mr Thomas L. Rhodes.

Receptions

HM Government

Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Trade, was host at a reception held yesterday evening at Lancaster House in honour of delegates attending the ninth regular session of IMCO.

Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea

Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, was the guest of honour at a reception given by the Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea, Mrs Brian Sindlus-Smith, at the Town Hall, Kensington, yesterday evening. Among those present were:

Members of the Diplomatic Corps and their ladies; the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, the Chairman of the GLC and Mr Cecil Dorrington; the Bishop of Kensington and Mrs Goodchild, Lady Balfour of Burleigh, Dowager Lady Mountgarret, Sir Edward and Lady Howard, Lady Petrie, Lady Rhys Williams, Colonel Sir Henry and Lady May Abel Smith, Lady Beresford-Peirse, Lieutenant-General Sir Geoffrey and Lady Evans, Sir James and Lady Miller, Lady Norton, General Sir Anthony and Lady Read, Judge and Mrs Edward Clarke, Judge and Mrs Gordon Friend, Mr John G. Capps, the Mayor and Mayoress of Kingston upon Thames, the Mayors and Mayoresses of Windsor and Maidenhead, and the mayors and mayoresses of Inner London boroughs.

Latest wills

Mr Percy Henry Horsford, of Rushden, left £21,368 net. He left half his property to the National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, and half equally between the Royal National Institute for the Blind and the Wellingborough and District Chest Care Association.

Other estates include (net before duty paid; duty on some estates not disclosed):

Jenkins, Mr Henry Gore, of Westminster .. £131,050
Khan, Mr Shaukat Shah, of Westminster, estate in England and Wales, duty £97,484 .. £226,130
Meynell, Sir Francis Meredith Wilfred, of Lavenham .. £21,706
Shaw, Mr Donald George, of Albrighton, managing director £262,145

25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, November 13, 1950

The rump of the so-called Peace Congress opens its proceedings at Sheffield today, but its controllers have decided to shake off the dust of England from their feet after only one day's meeting and betake themselves to Warsaw. This anti-climax to so much propaganda evidently results from the Government's action in refusing admission to the majority of the foreign delegates to the congress.

Most, though not all, of the rejected delegates to the Sheffield congress come, by the leave of their Governments, from countries in eastern Europe. . . . No one can seriously doubt that the real purpose of the Sheffield congress is to undermine with plausible argument the growing resolution of the British people to show a united and prepared front to aggression.

[Pablo Picasso was one of the foreigners allowed entry to Britain.]

New national stamps

New 6½p and 8½p stamps for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland will be issued by the Post Office on January 14. They will feature the emblems of the three countries.

Memorial service

Mrs M. E. Vesey Holt

A memorial service for Mrs M. E. Vesey Holt was held yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand. The Rev T. J. S. Thomas officiated, and the lesson was read by Mr Robert Hardy. Among those present, apart from members of the family, were:

Marshal of the RAF Lord and Lady Elworthy, Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling (Controller, RAF Benevolent Fund), Air Vice-Marshal Sir John and Lady Cordingley, Lady Coles, and Lady (Donald) Evans.

OBITUARY

SIR KENNETH PICKTHORN
Former Conservative MP

Sir Kenneth Pickthorn, Bt, PC, Conservative MP for Cambridge University, 1935-50, and for the Carlton division of Nottinghamshire 1950-66, died yesterday at the age of 83. He will be remembered as a great back bencher and a brilliant teacher. His one experience of office, as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education from November, 1951, to October, 1954, did little to enhance his reputation. By nature a critic, he did not find the task of commending detailed Government policies particularly congenial. Modesty alone induced him to accept the post which did not give scope to his exceptional talents and to which his friends felt he was temperamentally unsuited. He fulfilled his official duties with unflagging loyalty and even if, as a Minister, he did not greatly impress the House of Commons, his refreshing freedom from doctrinaire prejudices and his real knowledge and love of teaching commended him to the schoolmasters and schoolmistresses with which his work brought him into contact.

It was, however, as Senior Burgess for the University of Cambridge and later on as member for the Carlton division of Nottinghamshire that he established the reputation which will survive—as a great Parliamentarian. Gifted with a talent for repartee, probably more dazzling than that of any of his contemporaries at Westminster, and with a capacity for sustained logic which made him invincible even when he was unpersuasive, he dedicated himself to the unenviable task of correcting the fallacies of his contemporaries. Immense personal charm enabled him sometimes but not always to soften the consequences of this vocation. Though witty, he was never frivolous. He brought to bear his philosophy of liberal conservatism on what he regarded as the collectivist errors and illusions of his generation, and he did so unsparingly. His critical speeches on foreign policy at the time of Yalta were both moving and influential, and he was among the gallant few on the right who, during the period of Churchill's wartime ascendency, kept alive the spirit of criticism of the executive.

Many examples of his wit as a debater and a conversationalist will survive at Westminster and in combination rooms at Cambridge where much of his life was spent as a don. Two must suffice here. When a rather ebullient socialist member asked him to restrain his feelings his reply was: "the prospect of the honourable gentleman telling me to contain myself has only been equalled by King Solomon preaching continence to one of the Queen of Sheba's eunuchs".

Confronted with a wartime slogan, "the century of the common man" he observed that Hitler and Mussolini were both very common indeed.

As an essayist he could, sometimes triumph over a tendency to excessively complicated writing to the extent of sheer brilliance, and his *Some Historical Principles of the Constitution*, published in 1925, was widely heralded as the "modern Bagehot". His two books on Tudor Government were an impressive contribution to scholarship.

The son of Charles Wright Pickthorn, a master mariner, Kenneth William Murray Pickthorn was born on April 23, 1892. An outstanding career at Aldenham led him to Trinity, Cambridge, where he took the best first in his year in the Historical Tripos. In 1914, he was elected into a fellowship at Corpus Christi College, where he was subsequently Dean, Tutor and President. During the First World War he served with distinction in the infantry and the Royal Air Force and after being severely wounded he entered the War Office where he played a prominent part in organizing the propaganda offensive against Germany which preceded the Armistice.

Corpus—known during the inter-war period as "the last stronghold of black Toryism in Cambridge"—gave him a thoroughly congenial environment. He did much, in company with such eminent colleagues as Sir Will Spens, Sir Edwin Hoskyns and Sir Geoffrey Butler, to revive the fame of that college.

The young R. A. Butler was for a time one of his junior colleagues.

In 1935, Pickthorn seemed a natural choice for the Conservative candidature for the University and he was duly elected. He continued, however, to perform his academic duties, winning the respect and affection of generations of Cambridge historians by the stimulating quality of his lectures and tutorials. In 1950, when the university seats were abolished, Pickthorn was widely regarded by sage students of electoral taste at the Central Office as much too intellectual to be acceptable to an ordinary constituency. He surprised them by winning a largely working class seat (Carlton, Nottinghamshire) and retaining it with perfect safety until his retirement in 1966. With the exception of his short period of office between 1951 and 1954, he remained an active backbencher. He was made a Privy Councillor in 1964.

In 1924 he married Nancy, daughter of the late Lewis Richards and granddaughter of the late Mr Justice Grantham. They had two sons and a daughter.

M MARIUS DUTREY

A correspondent writes:

One of the best known personalities in the gastronomic world, Maître Chef Marius Dutrey, has died at the age of 87 at Cormeille-en-Parisis, in the home for retired chefs near Paris of which he was such a generous benefactor.

Invested as an officer of the Legion of Honour in 1964, he received during his long life over a hundred awards and medals, including several Grands Prix and Hors Concours and the Gold Medal of the Association of Maître Chefs de France.

To encourage higher standards and competition among chefs and apprentices, he himself gave a number of Cups and Awards, the most important of which is the Challenge Culinaire International, an "Oscar", awarded annually by the Académie Culinaire de France, of which he was made President of Honour. Lord Kinross wrote the preface for the English edition of his book, *Calendrier Gastronomique: Histoires de Cuisine et Cuisine d'Histoire*. Son of a Toulouse silk merchant, he first came into prominence in 1912 when he won the top awards at the Paris Exposition Internationale. After the First World War—he had been taken prisoner at Verdun—he came to England and became Head Chef at the Metropole, Brighton. Other hotels which he served included the Savoy, the old Langham and in Paris, the Crillon, the Plaza-Athénée and the Ritz.

During the Second World War he served as an intelligence officer with De Gaulle whom he greatly admired. In 1955, he was persuaded to come out of retirement to open the kitchens of the new Westbury Hotel where he presided until his second retirement in 1962.

Until a few months before his death, he was still active in promoting la haute cuisine and will be remembered by a vast circle of friends all over the world, not only for his life's work but for his many acts of kindness.

PROFESSOR J. W. LINNETT

A. D. B. writes:

May I expand on some of the points mentioned in your obituary notice? Professor Linnett was a very distinguished chemist. His contributions covered a remarkable range and embraced physical, inorganic and theoretical chemistry. He was also actively concerned with the teaching of chemistry in schools and universities.

As a student of H. W. Thompson in Oxford, Linnett studied the absorption spectra and photochemistry of gaseous molecules. This early work led naturally, in view of his interest in theoretical chemistry, to many papers on the force constants of polyatomic molecules. At Harvard, he worked with E. Bright Wilson on spectroscopic problems and published papers with E. L. Crawford and W. H. Avery on the infrared and Raman spectra of small molecules. He returned to Oxford and, during the war, investigated the mechanism of spark ignition and the propagation of flames in gases. Subsequently he extended his research into molecular force fields and, with D. F. Heath and P. J. Wheatley, ascribed the force on a displaced nucleus to a distortion of molecular orbitals. During a visit to Wisconsin, he wrote an important paper with J. O. Hirschfelder on the binding of the hydrogen molecule which accounted for the interaction energy at both large and small internuclear distances.

Linnett's recent research interests included the quantum mechanical description of molecules and the chemical properties of surfaces. He was especially concerned with the chemical consequences of electron correlation and, in a paper written in Berkeley, California, showed how the Lewis octet, which has been so influential in the teaching of elementary chemistry, should be treated as a double-quartet rather than as four pairs. His work on catalysis involved the use of modern physical techniques to study how surface reactions depend on the structure of the solid. This important work is continuing in Cambridge.

In April, 1976, Linnett would have taken over the Presidency of the Chemical Society. The society would surely have benefited, as have his many friends in Cambridge, Oxford and elsewhere, from his range, his wisdom, his sympathy and his warmth.

Mr William Bashall Gabriel, MS, FRCS, who died on November 11 at the age of 82, was consultant surgeon to the Royal Northern Hospital and to St Mark's Hospital for Diseases of the Rectum. He was a leading authority on diseases of the rectum, and was the author of *The Principles and Practice of Rectal Surgery* (5th edition 1963).

Mr Emyrs Davies, the former Glamorgan cricketer and Test umpire, has died in Llanelli at the age of 71.

Herr Ludwig Turek, the German author, has died in East Berlin at the age of 77.

Mr Clinton P. Anderson, United States Secretary of Agriculture under President Truman, died in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on November 11 at the age of 80. A Democrat who served four terms as a New Mexico Senator and three as a Congressman, Anderson had begun life as a reporter on the *Albuquerque Herald*, later becoming managing editor of the *Albuquerque Journal*.

Lady Brocklebank, widow of Sir Edmund Brocklebank, died on November 11 at the age of 87. She was Lucy, daughter of A. J. Wise, and she was married in 1927. Her husband died in 1949.

Science report

Zoology: Hormones and circadian cycle

Almost all terrestrial organisms collect their planetary origin in a natural 24-hour rhythm of various biochemical and behavioural activities. Although the nature of the "biological clocks" that produce that rhythm is unknown it now seems that the sex hormones may play an important part in synchronizing them. A year ago some German research showed that male sex hormone could desynchronize circadian rhythms in birds. Professor C. S. Pittendrigh, at Stanford University, United States, has followed up that research with experiments on mice and has shown that their activity patterns too are profoundly affected by sex hormones.

It has gradually become clear to researchers on circadian rhythms that the 24-hour cycles are governed by no single clock. Yet the cycles may persist in continuous darkness and so cannot depend on the external light-dark cycle. They may also persist in isolated tissues, which may go through regular 24-hour biochemical variations in culture. If each animal is a "clockshop" of different tissues, but none the less has a coordinated circadian rhythm in the absence of any external cue, then there must be synchronizing factors inside the animal itself. Testosterone seems to be one of them.

Professor Pittendrigh's experiments were on mice kept in continuous darkness. In such conditions mice show a clear rhythm of activity, which consists of two bursts, one of which would normally occur in the morning and the other in the evening. Professor Pittendrigh and his colleagues found that when the mice were castrated three changes occurred. The total cycle time was slightly increased, the total activity of the animals decreased, and the peak of the activity became later. With hormone treatment to replace the lost testosterone the pattern was restored to normal.

From Professor Pittendrigh's point of view the most interesting effect was the change in the distribution of activity: testosterone increased the level of the late burst of activity and decreased that of the early one. That would conform to a recent theory that two clocks are involved in the control of daily activity. One of them is locked on to the dusk, the other to the dawn. That means that when the animal is exposed to the normal light-dark cycle the relationship of the two clocks to one another changes, systematically with the seasonal changes in day length.

Professor Pittendrigh has suggested that the two bursts of activity at the beginning and end of the day are controlled by those two different clocks, and so the two mechanisms might be differently affected by testosterone.

In that way, patterns of activity can be made to vary not only within each light-dark cycle but also with the seasons.

The evolutionary purpose in the involvement of hormones with clock mechanisms is clearer in birds, whose breeding is seasonal and whose testes grow and diminish seasonally. In the light of recent research, birds are beginning to look like a hierarchy of timers beginning with the pineal gland, which may be involved in the seasonal changes in the sex glands, and ending with the daily activity rhythm, which seems to be influenced by the output of the sex glands.

The advantage in internal clocks is to synchronize vital activities such as feeding and breeding with the optimum times of day or year for those purposes. But clocks began long before the complicated needs of birds and mammals evolved, and can be found in the simplest of single cells (though not in the very primitive prokaryotic bacteria). Those simple, single-cell clocks may have evolved into the timers now reported for the cells of isolated tissues. Hormone systems must have answered a later evolutionary need for the coordination of the individual activities of tissues.

But although the behaviour of the clocks' "hands" and the nature of their coupling has been clarified by recent research, biologists still have not the least idea of the fundamental mechanism of any of the cellular clocks.

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As he points out, the Great War was the most literary of all wars. A large number of the men at the front were familiar with the great classics (*Pilgrim's Progress*, for instance, was so well known that even popular newspapers *quoted from* it without explanation). Soldiers taking advantage of the good daily postal service between the front and London, a mere 70 miles away, corrected proofs, read the *TLS* on its day of issue, or ordered books from Hatchards—Wells, Russell, Henry James, Marx, Masefield, Meredith. . . .

Professor Fussell sets out to show how this "literary" bent affected the war memoirs and sometimes falsified them. He faults several books formerly accepted as "true" records, taking Robert Graves' *Goodbye to All That*, for instance, and clearly demonstrating how its author fictionalized or invented incidents for comic or ironic effect. He is good, too, on the romance of the front—the Housmannerly world of handsome blonde "lads" and "soldiers bathing". He shows how the prose of the men who survived was influenced not only by their own reading, but by reaction against the jargon and obfuscation of official language (in communiques from the front reports of "sharp" or "brisk" fighting meant, *precisely*, that about 50 per cent of a company had been killed or wounded in a raid).

The book has twin attributes: it provides a fine analysis of the work of first world war writers—a splendid account of the use of language to describe the indescribable, and the means by which it had its effect: by dramatization, romanticism, mythologizing, sentimentality and melodrama; and incidentally but inevitably, gives one of the most vivid accounts I know of what the first world war was "like" for those who fought it.

In August 1914 a London coroner found that a man had committed suicide because of "worry caused by the feeling that he was not going to be accepted for service". Alfred M. Hale (whose memoirs Professor Fussell found at the War Museum, and has edited) was conscripted in 1917 at the age of 41. A gentle, introverted musician, he became a batman in the RFC—a Mr Pooter in uniform whose every word, every move, ended in farcical disaster. Yet his spirit was sound enough: he hated every moment of his service, but if he had ever found himself in the front line, he would have made himself go "over the top" (even if he would have set off inevitably in the wrong direction, and singlehandedly attacked his own G.H.Q.). It is a peculiar, moving, often very funny memoir; of no great importance, but truer to life than many better pieces of writing.

Derek Parker

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Firebird transcendent

Edith Wharton
By R. W. B. Lewis
(*Constable*, £6.50)

"The fire-bird perches on my shoulder", wrote Henry James nervously to a mutual bachelor friend during a visit from Edith Wharton (they had all seen Diaghilev's great triumph) and the fire-bird was only one of many elaborate figures—Attila, Tamburlaine, a vessel fully rigged—within which even her dearest friends sought to contain her phenomenal energy and will to disturb. "She rode the whirlwind", James continued to another correspondent when she had gone and Lamb House was calm again,

. . . she played with the storm, she laid waste whatever of the land the other raging elements had spared, she consumed in 15 days what would serve to support an ordinary Christian community (I mean to regulate and occupy and excite them) for about 10 years. Her powers of devastation are ineffable, her repudiation of repose absolutely tragic and she was never more brilliant and able and interesting.

This extravagant reaction—more flutteringly avian, indeed, than the dazzle of any fire-bird—tells us more about James than his house-guest (sexual panic, R. W. B. Lewis suggests, *and he was also hypersensitive to her wealth*); but it remains a fact that the author of *The House of Mirth* (1905) and *The Age of Innocence* (1920) touches no memoir of her contemporaries, however glancingly, without enlivening it (recent examples, Lord Clark's *Another Part of the Wood* and Sybille Bedford's *Life of Aldous Huxley*) and that she usually does so in the terms James laid down for her, striding grandly about, making remarks. We turn to Edith Wharton (1862-1937) in any index for much the same reasons that we turn to Byron, Strachey and Firbank, in hopeful pursuit of some leavening outrage or good joke. But is she quite what she seems?

She is not. That she was in fact more brilliant and able and interesting than even Henry James could know is the proposition of Professor Lewis's *riveting if uneven* and sometimes long-winded book. Both Percy Lubbock and Louis Auchincloss wrote useful and idiosyncratic memoirs, and the latter in 1972 used some marvellous unfamiliar photographs—of which my favourite catches Edith at 43 standing under a tree at Lenox, watching her house being built and drawing with a nervous but slightly amateurish voracity upon a furtive cigarette—but the main bulk of her papers did not become available at Yale until 1968, and this is the first true biography.

Despite its inadequacies, *Edith Wharton* has been well worth the wait, for Mrs Wharton, whose own autobiography is so reticent about herself in her lifetime, was ready for posterity's Professor: *she had put her house most carefully in order*, which in her case, meant throwing remarkably little away. The image is reverberantly apt for a writer whose most consistently fertile metaphor for the human soul, above all the female soul, is of a house with so many floors and rooms that some of them are never opened to the light of day. Professor Lewis, with her help, throws back quite a few doors and shutters.

A pity, then, that *Edith Wharton* is disfigured by amazing tiny mistakes—*Le neveu de Rameu*, Trinity Hall College, Lock Earn, Neopolitan, Thomas Carlisle, Rumor Godden, Gothic for Gothick, Essex for Sussex—which, perhaps insignificant in themselves, occur in such profusion that they dint the reader's confidence alarmingly.

Ethan Frome (1911) one of the most perfectly told and deeply felt tales of this century, is less than a hundred pages long, and none of Edith Wharton's best work, not even the supposedly Jamesian comedies like *The Custom of the Country* (1913), is prolix in any way. She refined sharply. This is one of the reasons that makes the biography seem much too long—more than 600 pages with index, acknowledgments, and bibliography — and unnecessarily discursive along a life span (Lincoln to Hitler, Hawthorne to Joyce) all too full of opportunities to digress. Professor Lewis even reminds us of the plot of *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* in order to demonstrate why it appealed so much to the New York literary establishment and to Edith Wharton in particular.

Lewis's major discovery—and it is a sensational one—is that long after her barely consummated marriage to nice, simple Teddy Wharton had dried into a mere appearance, Edith fell passionately in love and enjoyed a glorious physical affair with one Morton Fullerton, seemingly the male equivalent of a *grande horizontale*, an American acting as Paris correspondent of *The Times*. Fullerton had also known Wilde and been the lover of the sculptor Ronald Gower. He was apparently being blackmailed by one of his rejected women, and turned for money to James and Edith Wharton. Dame Rebecca West does not believe that story and has suggested that the blackmailer was Fullerton himself.

The affair with Edith, starting in 1908, seems to have gone on for three or four years, to have ended without pain and to have benefited her work enormously. She wrote a daily Journal to Fullerton at the time (not showing it to him) and several remarkable poems, including "Terminus", 52 long lines which she wrote sitting up in bed after spending the night with Fullerton in the Charing Cross Hotel. "Terminus" begins in gratitude, but swiftly widens its range to an immense compassion for all her less fortunate and unknown predecessors in that room, a compassion she consciously inherited from Whitman, of all American writers the one with whom she identified most closely (we knew that already, so how could we ever have supposed her to be frigid?).

The most remarkable thing about "Terminus", the Journal to Fullerton and the pornographic fragment *Beatrice Palmato* (1935, printed here in an Appendix) is not that she wrote them at all but that she rewrote and corrected them, clearly regarding them as part of her main work, if not publishable while she lived. She had discovered the body electric charged to her creative purpose, and in the hands of posterity's Professor, becomes the firebird transcendent.

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stirring and beauti- kes off on its own. Forsyth's *The Shep-* nly about 50 pages ie of the greatest asures this year. A jet pilot stationed r (1957) flies home ristmas Eve and his described in the first h controlled power x in communicative- takes one along very knot. The ela- and patience of fly- never been conveyed omically. r first meets trouble lorth Sea. A blown single-seater causes his radio and most instruments to fail; he can gauge his speed and height, but the only navigational aids he can rely on are his eyes and an intimate memory of the Norfolk coastline. His growing affection for the landscape seems more precise than radar as he bumps through deep fog. Yet only a rescue aircraft known as a shepherd, he decides, can now bring him safely down to earth near Norwich. He spots what he believes must be a guiding plane, and as it's known from the start that he survives, I shan't add anything except that it's all told without sentimentality, and there are seven illustrations by Chris Foss.

The ascent of more packaged man, woman and their material dwelling place goes so far in J. G. Ballard's new and finest novel, *High-Rise*, that they colonize the sky with what he sees as temporary, renewed barbarism. His writing here is vibrant with irony and images, a triumph of artistry and feeling. Move quickly, though, past his first sentence: "Later, as he sat on his balcony eating the dog, Dr Robert Laing reflected on the unusual events that had taken place. . . ."

Every rational need is supposed to be catered for in one place for the 2,000 high-income owner-occupiers of his London tower of flats. Their professions, such as tax consultants, television stars and one simply named as a myopic meteorologist, are always noted although they gradually shut themselves off from outsiders; Dr Laing is a divorced physiologist. A frigid sense of status is not only in their heads but built into the architecture by a top man who dominates the top floor. In isolation, aggression becomes the main means of gregariousness. The three social classes that form then split into wild clans who invade each other with candlesticks and knives, promote grisly fantasies and while the shopping mall, school and all services break down, dust like stone frost begins to ooze from the walls.

Unpredictable resilience is very much alive in Forbes Bramble's *The Strange Case of Deacon Brodie*. Robert Louis Stevenson based his tale of Jekyll and Hyde on the facts of Deacon William Brodie's double life, or conflict with overwhelming righteousness, in Edinburgh of the 1780s. Now Mr Bramble has re-created an altogether more intelligent, credible and better humoured portrait. His writing is exact, with sparing flourishes of authentic dialogue well set in vigorous scenes of gaming, cock-fighting and local politics.

William Brodie, a respected cabinet maker, is hanged (or is he?) at the age of 48 on a public scaffold he helped to design and make; he has been a fastidious, generous craftsman, dressed in white, dandy silks by day and changing at night into something more comfortable: a highwayman's black cloak, crêpe mask, brace of pistols, and so on. Three professional criminals help him rob shops, the university, the excise office. "There will be such a gweeshing and tutting the morrow that Edinburgh has never seen!" he says, rightly. There are also many fresh, helpful insights into what has been regarded as his clear case of schizophrenia. But the Deacon won't be cased that easily. With 40,000 spectators watching the hangman readjust his noose three times, even his end is as mysterious as his beginning and middle for he manages to swallow a silver tube—literally, a type of silver spoon—to prevent his trachea from breaking.

Myrna Blumberg

In his own image

Jonathan Swift
By A. L. Rowse
(*Thames & Hudson*, £5.95)

Forty years ago, as a young man, A. L. Rowse first thought of writing a life of Swift; to date he has expressed this ambition only in essays. Now he has treated himself to the pleasure of a full length biography, and it is his sense of personal enjoyment and involvement that makes this a distinctly racy study. So decided are Dr Rowse's opinions that his biography suggests it was written off the cuff at great speed. Such enthusiasm makes for easy reading, and whether or not scholars will concur with Dr Rowse, there is little doubt about his popular appeal. Dr Rowse is nothing if not magnificently positive: there is no take it or leave it about him—he tells us how and where to look.

Swift was not a pleasant man (however socially charming he may have been on occasion), and Dr Rowse castigates him thoroughly for his vanity, envy, choleric temper, resentfulness, lack of charity, and scatology. All this he ascribes to Swift's fatherless and penniless beginnings which, when allied to his devouring ambition, made him grudgingly grateful for the beneficial patronage of Sir William Temple, whose protégé and secretary he was. A position of service which, in spite of high hopes, brought Swift only an Irish chaplaincy, though later he rose to shine as "the great" Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. "A Prometheus chained to his rock in Ireland", is how Dr Rowse puts it, and, with dramatic skill, he takes us through Swift's political manoeuvres for preferment: his relationships with both Godolphin and Harley are vividly reconstructed showing Swift to have been an adept if spiky courtier.

Inevitably Swift's intimacies with Stella and Vanessa attract continuous speculation, and Dr Rowse is quite splendid about Swift's tortuous involvement with both women. He stresses that Vanessa was not Stella's social equal and that his approach to Stella was ever to be that of the avuncular tutor (which he was when Stella occupied a similar position to himself in Sir William's household), and that Vanessa was self-willed, accustomed to rule, while Stella was accustomed to listen. Swift's *Journal to Stella* (with all its baby-language) was, in part, for her edification and his own self-esteem: she would totally believe he controlled "the corridors of power". Vanessa's passion was rather more that Swift bargained for, and she was a show-off (he alone wished to show off). Swift enjoyed being courted by women, but sexually ran miles away (literally on several occasions) when fervours were high. Dr Rowse is not convinced Swift did marry Stella (even as a sop to her natural jealousy of Vanessa): if so, it was decidedly unconsummated, as Swift was more of a sexual tease than anything else. Dr Rowse appears to understand Swift's sexual hang-up very well: he draws a very unsavoury cad.

Where Dr Rowse really goes to town is when he comes to examine and summarize Swift's opinions on society as exemplified in *A Tale of A Tub and Gulliver's Travels*. This is where the "major prophet" sub-title of his biography is given muscle. Dr Rowse's quite vehement identification with Swift's views enables him to parallel these with his own "Bad as it is today to live in a society of Leftist liberal cant", and "What would Swift have thought of a society like today's, where people are swaddled in social insurance from the cradle to the grave?".

Through Swift Dr Rowse expresses his deep distaste for what he feels about society. He does not forget to highlight Swift's revulsion for all physical contact such as Gulliver's horror at being manhandled by the Maids of Honour.

Often strip me naked from top to toe, and lay me at full length in their bosoms . . . would sometimes set me astride upon one of her nipples—with many tricks, wherein the reader will excuse me for not being over-particular.

Shades of the "permissive" society abhorred by Dr Rowse.

Kay Dick

First class mail

Freya Stark Letters
Vol 2. The Open Door 1930-35
Edited by Lucy Moorehead
(*Compton Russell*, £7.25)

Oh good, more letters from Freya! The first volume, published last year, left our heroine on the brink of her adventurous fulfilment, and your reviewer, after a sceptical start, altogether won over by her frankness and developing wisdom. This year's mail is better still, for by 1930 Miss Stark was rising 40, had long outgrown the gaucheries of her complicated youth, and had acquired that particular blend of the serene, the high-spirited, the sage and the appealing which was to remain her literary and her philosophical style.

The Open Door is well named, for in this collection Dame Freya is describing bold excursions into the world of exploration—her pioneering journey into Luristan, her celebrated but ill-fated first expedition into South Arabia. She is her own woman now, so that Lucy Moorehead has an easier time with the explanatory footnotes: and the predominant tone of the book indeed is one of break-away, of independence, physical and spiritual, and a powerful sense of identity. Sometimes Miss Stark does rather wistfully ponder advantages of the married state, and she often has trouble with bruised or tiresome *suitors*, but she has achieved a balance in herself, and communicates it calmly in her letters.

Most readers will chiefly admire her courage, and especially courage in the face of illness—for ill-health dogged her in the most appalling circumstances, stunned by malaria at Siahdasht, or nearly dead from measles in a harem of Hadramaut. This is nothing to do with being a woman—experience tells me that on the whole the most convenient status for travelling is that of a well-disposed lady in middle life. It is just plain bravery, all the more marvellous because it is sustained by the liveliest of imaginations, so that Freya Stark can foresee the worst as vividly as your wettest hyprochondriac.

For myself, though, I enjoyed these demonstrations less than Dame Freya's wonderful cameos of imperial, or at least Mandatory, life between the wars—staying with Anton Besse at Aden, sub-editing for the *Baghdad Times*, waiting for the P and O at the Hotel Sinai, or bumping into the Duchess of Bedford in Cook's camp at Petra. They are vivacious, intimate glimpses of an altogether vanished age, and enjoying them one after another during a week's happy reading took me back to another half-forgotten era too—the days when people not only wrote long, chatty, informative letters to their friends, but could actually afford to post them.

Jan Morris

Rudyard Kipling and his World, by Kingsley Amis (Thames & Hudson, £3.50). Bad luck for Mr Amis that Philip Mason's book on Kipling came out earlier this year—by comparison this biographical sketch and critical appraisal (lavishly illustrated) seems rather tenuous. He has some interesting, if controversial points to make, in that he feels Batemans could be the origin for the haunted house in "The House Surgeon". He prefers the early stories, *Kim*, and the poetry—remaining dismissive of the later stories (which many think Kipling's finest achievement) and convinced that Kipling was the only man who understood and described the Empire. Mr Amis is curiously tentative in his approach, telling us to "see page 106" as if we were unable to carry the argument through so short (114 pages) a book without reminder. But no one has ever agreed entirely about Kipling; *Quot homines, tot sententiae.*

Seed time

The Garden Kalendar 1751-1771
By Gilbert White
Introduction by John Clegg
(*Scolar Press*, £14.50)

The garden book of Wakes, Selborne, in facsimile: handwriting large, clear, not antiquated. Plunge at once into the England of, as it might be, yesterday. White, like us, is venturesome: sowed "two rows of Bosworth's white Dutch Cucum: seed, never sowed before in England", and above this entry a neat little pointing hand and the sad (and how familiar!) words "never came up". And is there not a certain consolatory note in "Sr Mat: Featherstone's Cantaleupes, I hear, have very little flavour"? Melons and cucumbers are crops of prime importance: vast raised beds, cartloads of dung, a "Cantaleupe-feast" for 14 people, an experiment with cucumber seeds by the parlour fire, "a melon paper-House . . . to be covered with the best writing paper".

He made a ha-ha; set up "a figure of the Hesperian Hercules, painted on board, eight feet high . . . looks like a statue"; cultivated his vines "according to Hitt"; gossiped with Philip Miller; weeded and divided and planted and extended—impossible to tell in brief the multifariousness of his employments. Best of all in this treasurable book is to learn that the weather was every bit as bad as ours. Thus, April 2, 1757, "Sad wet, cold weather, & constant high winds . . . for three weeks past"; April 5, "Unusual Hot weather this week", and April 21, "Snowed very hard for sixteen hours".

Jan Stephens

Brilliantine and swagger

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The Fate of Felicity Fark in the Land of the Media
By Clive James
Illustrations by Marc
(*Cape*, £1.95)

Because of Marc's clever cartoons accompanying the text, this longish effort in rhyming couplets has attracted more attention than is usual with a book of new verse. It does not really merit it, although Mr James has lost none of the brilliantine which came so naturally to him when at Cambridge and his malicious little portraits of television and other nonentities are occasionally amusing in a very tiny way.

The satire on the world of "the media" is less successful than that in his earlier poem *Peregrine Prykke's Pilgrimage Through the London Literary World*, wh: : his targets were less transparent, and where the verse had rather more panache or at least swagger. Comparisons with Pope and Byron would be premature. Kinder to wait and see what Mr James might do when he grows up, or down, or in whatever direction his uniquely artificial and self-willed talent decides to go.

Robert Nye

On Monday, Sheridan Morley reviews five books on Judy Garland. On Thursday Richard Holmes on John Stuart Mill.

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1974/75 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
98¾	89¼	Exch 6½% 1976	98⅝	+1/16	6.591	11.288
97⅞	88	Treas 6¾% 1976	96⅞	+1/16	6.730	11.274
101⅜	94⅛	Treas 10¼% 1976	99⅞	+1/16	10.569	11.166
95¼	84¼	Treas 6¼% 1977	93⅝	+⅛	6.676	10.380
94⅜	81¼	Elec 3% 1974-77	94⅛	..	3.167	7.211
100⅞	95⅝	Treas 11½% 1977	100⅞	..	11.422	11.084
91½	84⅞	Treas 3% 1977	91½	+⅛	3.280	7.660
91⅛	79¼	Treas 4% 1975-77	91¼	+⅛	4.360	8.373
96⅞	89¼	Treas 9% 1978	94⅝	+⅛	9.517	11.718
100⅛	96	Treas 10½% 1978	97⅞	+⅛	10.776	11.625
89	76	Exch 5% 1976-78	88	+⅛	5.692	9.907
80⅝	68⅛	Treas 3% 1979	80⅝	+⅛	3.734	9.109
103⅝	94⅝	Treas 11¾% 1979	99⅝	+⅛	11.591	11.761
82⅜	68⅛	Elec 4½% 1974-79	82⅜	+⅛	5.151	9.794
100¾	94½	Treas 10½% 1979	95⅞	+⅛	10.940	11.924
81½	67½	Elec 3½% 1976-79	81⅝	+⅛	4.303	9.160
95	81⅜	Treas Cnv 9½% 1980	89⅝	+⅛	10.045	12.161
95¾	88⅝	Treas 9% 1980	90⅞	..	10.303	12.186
84⅝	69¾	Fund 5½% 1978-80	84¾	..	6.221	9.543
79⅝	67⅛	Treas 3½% 1977-80	79⅞	+⅛	4.397	9.072
96⅞	95⅞	Treas 11½% 1981	96⅞	+⅛	12.039	12.715
79½	61⅞	Treas 3½% 1979-81	79½	+⅛	4.427	9.492
91⅛	73⅞	Treas 8¼% 1980-82	91	+⅛	10.098	12.216
104⅛	98⅞	Treas 12½% 1983	98	+⅛	12.488	12.929
74	56	Fund 5½% 1982-84	73	+⅛	7.729	10.316
85⅛	61⅜	Treas 8¼% 1984-86	80⅞	+⅛	10.944	12.315
73⅛	51⅜	Fund 6½% 1985-87	66⅞	+⅛	9.772	11.641
75¾	53	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	71⅞	+⅛	11.159	12.760
47⅞	32⅞	Trans 3% 1978-88	47⅞	..	6.976	11.978
50⅛	39¼	Treas 5% 1986-89	51½	+⅛	9.757	12.501
55½	53⅛	Treas 8% 1987-90	66⅞	+⅛	12.261	13.695
59	41⅞	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	61⅞	+⅛	11.275	12.914
94⅜	87	Treas 12¼% 1992	89¼	+⅛	14.753	14.997
97⅞	85¼	Treas 12½% 1993	88⅝	+⅛	14.764	14.943
57⅝	40⅛	Fund 6% 1993	42⅞	..	14.432	13.914
75¾	54⅜	Treas 13¾% 1994	63⅝	+⅛	14.073	14.677
40½	25¼	Redmptn 3% 1986-96	30	+⅛	10.220	12.635
37⅞	21⅛	Gas 3% 1990-95	31	+⅛	9.710	12.897
102	75	Treas 12¾% 1995	85⅞	+⅛	14.840	14.997
77⅝	54⅝	Treas 9% 1992-96	64¾	+⅛	14.223	14.755
97⅞	91	Treas 15¼% 1997	92⅞	+⅛	14.967	15.050
59⅞	40⅞	Treas 8¾% 1995-98	49⅞	+⅛	13.915	14.603
73½	53⅝	Treas 9¾% 1997	62⅞	+⅛	14.349	14.755
77⅞	54⅛	Treas 9½% 1999	62⅝	+⅛	14.487	14.773
34⅜	21⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	29⅛	+⅛	12.967	13.612
47⅞	35¼	Treas 8% 2002-06	53⅞	+⅛	14.715	14.656
48⅞	32⅞	Treas 5½% 2008-12	39	+⅛	14.466	14.590
63⅞	42⅜	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	54⅝	+⅛	14.227	14.557
31⅜	22⅜	Consols 4%	27⅞	+⅛	15.109	..
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24⅞	17⅞	Treas 3%	20⅝	+⅛	14.545	..
20⅞	14	Consols 2½%	17⅞	+⅛	14.128	..
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1974/75 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
86½	73¾	Aust 5½% 76-79	85¾	+⅛	6.483	13.034
76¼	65¾	Aust 5½% 77-80	75⅞	+⅛	7.215	13.134
69½	56½	Aust 5½% 81-82	69¾	+⅛	8.132	13.164
69¼	53½	Aust 6% 81-83	65	+⅛	9.190	13.314
97¼	83	Aust 6% 74-76	95¾	+⅛	6.330	12.167
79½	67½	Aust 7% 79-81	77	..	9.257	13.143
300	84	Berlin 4½% Ass	93	..	..	..
95	92	Chilean Mixed	95	..	..	..
62¼	52	E Africa 5¾% 77-83	62¼	..	9.601	14.703
193	180	German 4½% 1930	191	..	..	..
31	23	Hungary 4½% 1924	31	..	..	..
76	59½	Ireland 7½% 81-83	72⅝	..	..	..
84½	72½	Jamaica 7½% 77-79	84½	..	9.459	14.241
158	94	Japan Ass 4% 1910	133	..	..	..
63½	46	Japan 6% 83-88	58½	..	..	..
62½	52½	Kenya 5% 78-82	62	..	8.226	14.853
77	64	Malaya 7¾% 78-82	76	..	10.126	13.480
79⅛	67¼	N Z 6% 76-80	76	..	7.817	13.277
99	85½	N Z 6% 75-76	99	..	6.120	12.182
62⅛	44	N Z 7½% 88-92	57½	..	13.220	14.514
70	54	N Z 7½% 83-86	68	..	11.553	13.942
77½	64½	N Rhd 6% 78-81	77½	..	7.944	12.577
76½	61½	Nyasa 6% 78-81	76½	..	8.051	12.699
156	50	Peru 6% Ass	133	..	..	..
97¼	83½	S A Gov. 9½% 71-76	97¾	+⅛	..	..
50	16	S Rhd 2½% 65-70	34	..	..	..
37	16	S Rhd 4½% 87-92	33	..	..	..
61	24	S Rhd 6% 78-81	46	..	..	..
56	49	Spanish 4%	56	..	..	..
65½	55	Tang 5½% 78-82	63	..	9.004	14.773
74	61	Uruguay 3½%	70½	..	..	..

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1974/75 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
24¼	19½	L C C 3% 1920	19¾	• ..	15.735	..
64	50	L C C 5% 80-83	60	..	8.402	13.520
77½	58½	L C C 5½% 77-81	68½	..	8.124	13.713
61	48¾	L C C 5½% 82-84	60	..	9.450	13.945
52½	39¼	L C C 5½% 85-87	50¼	+⅛	10.945	14.181
87¼	74	L C C 6% 76-78	87	..	6.895	12.617
79⅛	68	L C C 6½% 75-79	79¾	..	7.618	13.294
61	42	L C C 6½% 85-90	54¾	..	13.061	14.962
99⅜	83½	G L C 6½% 1974	98½	..	6.993	11.711
93¾	80	G L C 9¾% 1977	93¾	..	8.967	12.375
65	43	G L C 6½% 90-92	51¾	..	13.451	15.010
92	79½	G L C 7½% 1977	91½	..	7.922	12.563
90	72	G L C 12½% 1982	89	..	11.870	14.162
86¾	72¾	C of L 6¾% 75-79	85½	..	7.597	12.918
77⅞	57½	C of L 5½% 80-82	76¾	..	8.536	13.564
73½	58¾	Ag Mt 6½% 81-84	68⅝	..	11.371	14.497
69¾	45	Ag Mt 7½% 91-93	55	..	14.387	15.391
59	40½	Ag Mt 6½% 85-90	51¾	..	13.032	15.012
73½	57	Belfast 6½% 77-80	70¾	..	9.220	15.122
82	70½	Brighton 6½% 76-80	81¾	..	7.951	12.220
82	72	Camden 6½% 77-79	82¼	..	7.901	13.241
82	62	Croydon 6¼% 78-81	71¾	..	9.466	13.982
82¾	71½	Edin 6½% 77-79	83½	..	7.577	13.257
89	69¾	Glasgow 9¼% 80-82	78½	..	11.763	14.163
86	74	Gwich 6½% 76-78	85½	..	7.597	12.560
91½	79½	Herts 5½% 78-80	91¼	..	7.397	12.520
91⅛	78¼	Liverpl 7% 76-77	91¼	..	7.072	12.430
27½	19¼	Met Water B	22	..	14.005	15.053
73	59¼	N I 7% 79-80	73	..	8.940	13.533
68½	48	N I 7% 82-84	57½	..	12.154	16.433
85	57¾	N I Elec 6¾% 81-83	61½	..	10.788	13.937
86¾	74¼	Notts 6¾% 76-78	85½	..	7.865	13.040
75¾	67½	Sthend 9¾% 77-79	75	..	8.646	13.483
66	48¼	Swark 6¾% 83-86	58¼	+⅛	11.399	14.174
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14¼	5¼	Commerzbank	£12¾	..	20 1	1.6	24.5
38	12¾	Cp Fn Paris	£32	..	165	5.2	14.9
51½	28	EKES	140	..	199	5.0	..
45¾	23¾	Ericsson	£24½	..	63.6	1.6	24.5
44	27	Finsider	30	..	..	..	..
29	13	Granges	£22½	..	116	5.2	5.0
455	200	Hoechst	430	..	16.5	3.8	20.1
56	45	Montecatini E	55	..	..	..	..
22½	11¼	NEPO NV	£19¾	..	80.3	4.6	22.7
567	312	Robeco fl 5	537	+6	23.1	4.3	40.6
417	202	Rolinco Subs fl 5	395	+5	4 3	1.2	60.9
240	130	Snia Viscosa	165	..	4.8	2.9	..
590	210	Thyssen-Huette	535	..	24.8	4.6	9.1
43	15½	Volkswagen	£41¾	..	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
10⅝	6½	Brascan	£8	-⅛	41.9	5.2	4.4
10¾	5⅝	BP Canada	£9⅝	..	..	..	..
13⅝	8⅝	Can Pac Ord	£10⅝	+⅛	36.9	3.6	10.0
10	5¼	El Paso	£9¾	-⅛	41.7	4.5	17.4
71¼	35¾	Exxon Corp	£49⅝	+⅛	..	..	..
38	10¼	Fluor	£29⅝	+1½	19.1	0.7	32.0
28	18¾	Hollinger	£20⅝	-⅛	..	..	..
27¾	11½	Hud Bay Oil	£27⅛	-⅛	28.9	1.1	30.9
15½	8	Husky Oil	£14½	+⅛	..	..	..
10¼	4¼	Int Bidgs	£9¾	..	21 2	2.2	..
22¾	13¼	Int Nickel	£19⅛	• +⅛	77.2	4.0	11.5
11½	5¼	IU Int	£7⅞	+⅛	35.7	4.7	6.4
20¾	8½	Kaiser Alum	£19¾	• +⅛	50.7	2.6	..
14	7¾	Massey-Ferg	£13½	+⅛	41.3	3.1	8.6
20½	9½	Pacific Petrol	£20⅝	..	..	..	..
13⅞	4½	Pan Canadian	£12⅝	-⅛	..	..	..
138	51	Steep Rock	92	+1	..	..	..
880	475	Trans Can P	810	-10	..	..	..
53¾	19¼	US Steel	£46⅛	-1	..	..	..
700	330	White Pass	700	..	15.9	2.3	..
34¼	5	Zapata Corp	£8¾	-⅛	14.7g	1.3	9.9

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
231	130	Alexs Discount	225	-8	17.9	8.0	10.7
400	200	Allen H & Ross	350	+20	28.2	7.5	6.5
350	95	Arb-Latham	180	..	11 7	6.5	11.5
425	310	Aust & NZ	400	-5	14.3	3.6	11.6
37½	30	Bk Hapoalim	30	..	0.7	2.2	9.4
365	116½	Bk of Ireland	365	• ..	16.0	4.4	5.4
24½	16¼	Bk Leumi Israel	22	..	1.3	5.7	7.3
315	180	Bk Leumi UK	210	..	11.2	5.3	15.1
740	240	Bk of NSW	630	-10	16.2	2.6	17.3
35	17¼	Bk of N Scotia	£34½	..	67.5	2.0	32.4
295	103	Bk of Scotland	280	+5	13.2	4.6	10.1
30⅝	18¾	Bnks Trst NY	£22½	+¾	124	5.3	8.3
340	110	Barclays Bank	310	..	13.2	4.3	8.3
198	17	Bates E Hldgs	40	-2	..	..	..
266	63	Brown Shipley	180	..	10.7	5.9	8.0
273	95	Cater Ryder	250	+5	21.9	8.6	..
43	13	Cedar Hldgs	13	f ..	2.0	15.4	6.6
37⅝	16¼	Chase Man	£29¾	-¾	93.1	4.6	6.3
31	14¼	Citicorp	£23⅝	+¾	36.3	..	21.9
86	47	Clive Discount	66	+2	4.6	7.0	10.2
280	118	Com Bk of Aust	250	-10	8.1	3.3	11.3
215	100	Com Bk of Syd	190	-5	7.6	4.0	11.0
33⅜	18¾	CC De France	£32	..	103	3.2	29.1
41	2	First Nat Fin	2¾	..	..	..	..
20	8	Fraser Ans	9½	..	1.1	11.6	39.6
310	175	Gerrard & Nat	295	+3	20.5	6.9	8.8
70	22	Gibbs A.	46	..	1.9	4.2	..
190	55	Gillett Bros	180	..	20.0b	11.1	4.1
110	33	Grindlays Hldgs	40	..	..	..	..
185	55	Guinness Peat	185	+3	11.7a	6.3	12.9
31	8	Hambros £10	£17	..	109	6.4	..
330	60	Do Ord	185	..	10.9	5.9	12.5
119	24	Hill Samuel	119	+4	5.5	4.6	13.1
252	94½	Hong K & Shang	250	+5	4.7b	1.9	33.0
315	220	Israel Brit	220	f ..	15.0	6.8	4.5
83	26	Jessel Toynbee	75	• ..	6 2	8.3	..
250	85	Joseph L.	215	..	10.0	4.7	14.4
220	32	Keyser Ullmann	45	-2	..	..	..
85	28	King & Shaxson	58	..	4.7	8.1	9.3
124	33	Kleinwort Ben	118	..	5.0	4.3	13.9
267	92	Lloyds Bank	240	..	11.0	4.6	8.2
140	34	Mercury Secs	139	+1	4.2	3.1	10.8
315	129½	Midland	300	+3	16.6	5.5	8.7
61	12½	Minster Assets	54	+1	4.5	8.4	8.6
310	114	Nat of Aust	285	-5	7.9	2.7	15.6
88½	24	Nat Com Bk Grp	68	..	3.3	4.6	7.7
310	90	Nat W'minster	280	..	12 7	4.5	7.6
38½	18	Ottoman	£26	..	140	5.4	14.9
112½	55	Rea Bros	65	..	2.4	3.7	13.3
27¾	17	Royal of Can	£24	+¼	56.8	2.4	31.1
445	19	Schroders	400	..	13.4	3.4	20.5
281	15	Seccombe Mar	250	..	15.5	7.8	6.3
185	2	Slater Walker	40	• -2	8.6	37.5	2.0
73	2	Smith St Aubyn	60	+2	5.5	9.2	..
510	15	Standard Chart	455	..	20.8	4.1	8.8
335	15	Union Discount	335	+15	28 4	7.0	7.0
86	4	Wintrust	57	..	4.5	7.9	10.1

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
78½	[illegible]	Allied	74	..	4.8	6.4	12.5
117	41	Bass Charrington	105	+1	5.7	5.4	12.0
193¾	71	Bell A.	192	..	3.6b	7.0	5.9
120	33	Boddingtons	120	..	4.0	3.3	16.9
82	27	Brown M.	74	+2	4.1	5.5	12.2
77	22	Burtonwood	72	..	3.9	5.4	7.8
50	30	C of Ldn Dfd	49	..	3.1	6.3	22.5
103	60	Devenish	103	..	7.1	5.4	10.5
152	43	Distillers	127	+1	8.3	6.5	13.4
68	22	Greenall	64	..	3.2	5.0	12.5
170	75	Greene King	160	-3	6.6	4.1	13.2
137	37	Guinness	137	..	3.5	6.2	10.7
100	48	Hardys & H'sons	100	-5	7.2	7.2	10.1
152	63	Highland	107	• ..	7.2	6.8	13.3
34	18	Invergordon	31	+1	2.6	8.5	7.7
95	34	Irish Distillers	70	..	3.3	4.8	7.2
46	17	Marston	42	..	2.2	5.1	20.0
200	95	Morland & Co	230	..	14.6	6.2	16.3
69	25	Scot & Newcastle	62½	+½	3.9b	6.3	13.6
36½	14	Seagram	£21¼	+¼	36.6	1.7	21.0
112½	51	SA Breweries	107	+1½	5.3b	4.9	9.5
340	85	Teacher	212	+2	12.8	6.0	11.4
68	32	Tomatin	63	..	3.6	5.7	6.0
305	102	Vaux	301	-2	19 8	6.6	11.4
78½	31½	Whitbread 'A'	79	+1	4.6	5.8	15.5
79½	32½	Do B	79½	+3	4.6	5.8	15.6
125	46	Whitbread Inv	117	..	8.4	7.4	20.5
155	54	Wolverhampton	125	..	6.5	5.2	12.2

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A—B

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
176	48	AAH	157	+1	14.0b	8.9	6.6
103	22	AB Electronic	57	..	6.3	11.1	11.2
48	38	AC Cars	38	..	1.4	3.9	13.6
111	43	AD Intl	107	..	3.3	3.3	12.2
66	15	AGB Research	37	..	3.0	8.0	6.4
222	93	APV Hldgs	222	..	13.7	5.9	8.9
80	21	AVP Ind	38	..	3.7	9.4	5.6
80	13	Aaronson Bros	52	-1	2.4	4.6	13.5
16½	9½	Abrasives Int	15½	• ..	2.2b	13.9	5.3
122	40	Acrow	122	..	6.1	5.0	13.2
112	23¼	Do A	109	-1	6.1	5.6	11.8
21¾	13¾	Adams Food	19	..	1.6	8.5	3.3
30	5	Adda Int	6	..	..	..	..
170	57	Adwest Group	173	+6	9.7	5.0	6.5
46	8	Aeronc & Gen.	15	..	1.3	9.8	8.8
125	65	Airfix Ind	125	..	4.3	3.4	11.8
79	27½	Do NV	76	-1	4.3	5.6	7.2
90	22	Albright & W	76	+1	5.4	7.1	5.4
79	33	Alcan 10½%	£71	..	1050	14.8	..
65	34	Do 9% Cnv	£62	..	900	14.5	..
57	25	Allen E. Balfour	56	+1	5.3	9.5	5.2
49	12	Allen W. G.	33	..	3.5	10.5	5.8
37½	14½	Alliance Alders	31	-½	1.8	5.7	7.6
101	23¾	Allied Colloids	100	+1	1.9	1.9	12.4
29	7½	Allied Insulators	16½	-½	1.7	10.6	5.1
13½	4½	Allied Plant	12½	s -½	1.0b	8.0	19.8
87	30	Allied Polymer	77½	-½	6.8	8.8	8.9
99	7	Allied Retailers	98	+3	6.5	6.9	9.5
41	7	Alpine Hldgs	33	..	1.3	5.4	13.8
157	133	Amal Metal	157	..	13.6	8.9	2.0
70	13	Amal Power	42½	• +1½	4.7	10.9	5.1
50	16	Amber Day	49	..	2.3	4.5	6.3
11	2½	Amber Ind Hldgs	7	..	0.6	8.9	4.0
34	24	Anchor Chem	45	+1	5.2	11.5	..
174½	57½	Anderson Strath	132	..	13.1b	8.3	7.9
810	325	Anglo Amer Ind	710	..	39.5	5.6	11.0
41	23	Ang Swiss Hldgs	27	..	..	..	..
35	13	Anglowest	25	..	2.5	10.0	10.7
51	20	Appleyard	37	..	5.7	12.9	6.9
37	10½	Aquascutum 'A'	24	-½	1.7	7.3	7.6
50	24	Arlington Mtr	60	+1	30.0	12.6	7.6
104	27	Armitage Shanks	61½	-½	6.1	9.9	13.3
61	13	Armst Equip	61	..	2.6	4.3	8.2
59	33	A'prey 6½% Pf	40	..	6.3	15.6	..
73	22½	Ass Biscuit	73	..	4.0	5.4	10.6
73	19½	Do A	65	-2	4.0	6.1	9.8
65½	22½	Ass Brit Food	67½	-½	2.4	3.6	11.3
77½	24	Ass Engineer	77½	-3	6.4a	7.3	10.1
30½	21	Ass Fisheries	30	..	..	..	2.4
37½	9½	Ass Leisure	25½	-1	3.9	13.6	8.8
105	52	Ass News	90	..	6.6	7.4	7.5
37	15	Ass Paper	36	-½	4.0	11.1	3.3
191	61	Ass Port Cement	194	+3	11.0	5.7	16.4
73	22	Ass Tel 'A'	66	..	6.0	9.1	10.2
32	25	Ass Tooling	27	..	2.8	10.5	4.3
53	12	Astbury & Madley	22	• ..	1.4	6.2	4.6
121	47	Atlas Stone	115	h ..	7.0	6.1	..
35	11	Attwood Garage	19½	-½	2.2	13.9	11.9
72	13	Audiotronic	41	..	3.0	12.2	9.8
33½	13	Ault & Wiborg	29	+½	3.3b	11.5	6.3
69¾	38¾	Aurora Hldgs	61	..	6.0	9.8	6.0
53	33	Austin E.	45	..	4.5	9.9	3.2
50	12	Automotive Pd	39	..	2.3	6.0	7.4
115	41½	Averys	115	+½	6.8	5.9	11.6
121	25	Avon Rubber	54	-1	..e	..	4.0
63	17	BBA Grp	63	+1	3.9a	6.1	8.6
137	36	BICC	115	• ..	10.2	7.9	9.4
57	22¾	BOC Int	56½	-½	3.7b	6.6	9.1
150	40½	BPB Ind	149	..	9.6b	6.4	10.2
42½	14	BPM Hldgs 'A'	28	• ..	3.9	14.1	7.9
23½	4	BSG Int	14	..	..	..	10.7
105	21	BSR Ltd	85	..	3.3	3.9	8.0
132	43¾	BTR Ltd	132	..	10.0b	6.6	11.3
74	23	Babcock & W	71	..	3.0a	4.2	8.5
90	19	Bacal Const	18	f ..	..e	..	2.0
35	17	Baggeridge Brk	26	..	2.7	10.2	6.9
12	4¼	Bailey C.H. Ord	5¾	..	0.3	4.7	3.0
94	29	Baird W.	85	+6	11.5	13.5	6.0
67	16	Baker Perkins	51	..	4.0	7.8	15.5
55	19	Bamberzers	55	..	3.7	6.7	7.5
17	3½	Barker & Dbson	4	..	..	..	..
328	132	Barlow Rand	290	+2	12.3	4.6	6.1
71	11	Barr & Wallace	40	..	4.2	10.6	36.4
70	11	Do A	38	..	4.2	11.1	34.5
122	34	Barratt Devs	122	+3	9.2	7.6	8.1
47	19½	Barrow Hepbn	47	-½	4.4b	9.4	5.9
44	16	Barton & Sons	44	-½	3.8	8.7	4.5
91	19	Bassett G.	78	-2	6.5	8.3	11.6
49½	17½	Bath & P'land	39	+½	3.8	9.7	6.2
175	37	Baxter Fell	75	+1	3.1	10.4	2.7
51	17	Beales J.	25	..	3.1	12.3	7.5
92	30	Beatson Clark	54	..	5.9	11.0	10.9
87	11	Beaufort Grp	28	• ..	3.9	14.0	10.2
290	35	Beaverbrook	115	..	2.5	2.2	13.1
74	12	Do A	42	..	2.5	6.0	4.8
60	6	Beckman A.	60	+1	7.3	12.1	6.5
323	110	Beecham Grp	321	-1	7.9	2.4	14.1
133	42	Bejam Grp	133	+2	6.2	4.6	19.7
42	12	Benrose Corp	41	..	3.6	8.9	5.4
34	10	Benn Bros	19½	+½	2.7	13.6	9.8
246	57	Bertsf'ds S. & W.	246	+3	9.1a	3.7	7.6
45	15	Berisfords	31	..	3.0	9.6	4.2
47	16	Berwick Timpo	47	..	3.8b	8.0	4.9
176	68	Bestobell	176	..	11.2	6.3	6.4
47	31½	Bett Bros	73	..	4.1a	5.6	6.7
129	26	Bibby J.	77	-3	7.7	10.0	7.3
45	19	Billam J.	45	..	4.5	10.1	3.8
82	16	Birmid Qualcast	60½	-1½	5.6	9.3	8.0
90	17	Birm'gham Mint	51	..	5.5	10.8	..
130	90	Bishops Stores	130	..	3.0	2.3	13.9
82	33	Do A NV	63	+2	3.0	4.7	6.8
129	33	Black & Edg'tn	128	+3	8.0	6.0	8.9
30	9	Blackman & C	13½	..	2.3a	17.9	4.5
148	27¾	Blackwd Hodge	134	• +1½	4.6b	3.4	9.1
33	11	Blackwood Mt	17½	..	..	..	..
109	58	Blagden & N	100	..	8.4	8.4	4.1
59	26	Blundell Perm	40	+1	3.4	8.5	6.0
16	5	Boardman K. O.	7¾	..	1.2	16.7	3.7
14	5½	Bodycote	13¾	..	1.0b	8.3	3.9
15	7	Bolton Textile	11	..	1.9	17.1	0.5
50	15	Bonas Webb	22	..	0.8	3.5	..
24	14	Bonser Eng	23	..	1.7	7.5	5.9
151	55	Booker McCon	151	+1	8.9	4.9	8.1
143	30	B'sey & Hwkes	58	..	3.8	6.6	5.7
121	33	Boot H.	119	• ..	10.0	8.4	6.9
143	45	Boots	141	+1	3.5	2.4	16.0
17	7	Boulton W.	16½	+1½	1.6	9.5	6.9
179¾	54	Bowater Corp	174	..	10.9b	6.3	8.3
45	16	Bowthrpe Hldgs	39½	-½	1.9	5.3	7.6
56	15	Braby Leslie	56	..	4.4	7.9	3.6
82	40	Brady G.	82	+2	8.0	9.8	5.4
82	29	Do A	82	+2	8.0	9.8	5.4
35	10	Brahim Millar	25	+1	2.3	9.4	8.4
23	10	Braid Grp	21	+1	1.7a	7.9	3.8
125	25	Braithwaite	84	..	9.8	11.7	5.5
92	37	Brammer H.	92	+1	6.6	7.2	5.9
84	35	Brasway	51	+3	3.3	6.4	2.4
52	22	Bremner	48	..	5.1	11.0	8.4
90	23	Brent Chem Int	90	+2	2.6	2.9	11.9
50½	13½	Brent Walker	48	+4	1.4	3.0	15.8
29	12	Brickhouse Dud	27	+2	2.7	10.0	6.0
166	35	Bridon	146	+1	8.5b	5.8	7.9
57	40	Brierleys	44	f ..	..e	..	..
34	15½	Bright J. Grp	34	+3	3.2	9.3	6.5
13	3½	Bristol Plant	8	..	0 9	11.5	18.2
343	150	Brit Am Tob	330	-1	17.0	5.2	7.0
61	17	Brit Car Auctn	38	..	3.3	8.7	8.1
33	9	Brit Enkalon	16	..	0.4	2.3	5.5
390	135	Brit Home Strs	388	-2	15.7b	4.0	20.1
49	13	Brit Ind Hldgs	21½	..	2.2	10.0	9.6
53	26½	Brit Leyland	30	-6	..	..	..
33	11	Brit Mohair	30	..	1.9	6.1	7.1
49	13½	Brit Printing	47	+3½	4.9	10.4	4.8
41½	13	Brit Rollmakers	32½	+1	3.7	11.2	9.0
77½	36½	Brit Sim Spec	65	..	7.1b	10.9	7.0
456	155	Brit Sugar	330	+5	13.0a	3.9	10.6
33	13	Brit Tar Prod	33	..	2.1	6.4	5.6
68	25	Brit Vita	55	..	3.8	6.9	4.1
40	19	Brittains	34½	+1	4.6	13.4	3.4
182	52	Brockhouse J.	182	+10	17.9	9.8	6.5
74½	15	Brocks Grp	38	..	4.1	10.7	0.4
805	324	Broken Hill	675	-30	18.8	2.8	20.1
65½	18	Brook St Bur	45	+1	5.7	12.6	5.2
51	22	Brooke Bond	44	• +½	3.5	7.9	..
26	9	Brooke Tool	10	..	..	..	..
56	26	Brotherhood P.	75	..	8.8	11.7	12.2
80	33	Brown & Tawse	59	..	3.1	5.3	6.0
35	9	BBK	24	+1	..	..	90.0
33	9	Brown Bros Cp	12½	+¼	0.8	6.2	11.2
131	41	Brown J.	60	..	..	..	..
52	19	Brown N. Inv	31	..	3.9	12.5	4.9
100	43	Bruntons	89	+2	8.5b	9.9	8.7
35	10	Bryant Hldgs	23½	+1	2.8	12.0	7.1
11	1½	Budge Bros	1½	f ..	1.0b	65.4	2.0
81	29	Bullough Ltd	65	+7	7.0b	10.8	3.3
29	10	Bulmer & Lumb	29	..	3.6	12.4	9.7
101	47	Bunzl Pulp	92	• ..	5.9	6.4	3.9
73	19	Burco Dean	69	-1	4.5	6.8	9.0
70	14	Burgess Prod	35	..	5.1	14.5	24.0
34	24	Burnett H'shire	54	..	4.1	7.6	3.6
53	21	Do A NV	53	..	4.1	7.8	3.5
35	5	Burns And'son	21	..	1.8	8.7	5.9
13¼	3¾	Burrell & Co	8	..	0.9	11.3	..
300	135	Burt Boulton	165	..	15.2	9.2	28.0
129	30	Burton Grp	66	..	6.8	10.3	55.0
113	28	Do A	49	..	6.5	14.8	35.3
48	24	Bury & Masco	38	..	3.9	10.5	3.7
17	4	Business Com	4	f ..	0.7	17.5	0.9
34½	9	Butterfld-Harvy	23	+2	2.7	9.3	6.0

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
110	13	CCH Inv	22	..	..	..	..
28¼	10	CGSB Hldgs	12	..	1.5	12.8	3.9
55	23	Cadbury Sch	54	-½	2.5b	6.5	14.0
114	30	Caffyns	78	+1	7.4	9.5	8.0
55	48	C'bread Robey	45	..	1.7	3.7	14.6
65	9	Campari	26	..	1.9	6.8	26.3
62	18	Canrex Hldgs	40	+2	4.3	10.7	4.1
145	46	Cape Ind	141	+1	10.3b	7.3	10.0
63	21	Caplan Profile	53	+1	6.2	11.7	5.5
69½	18	Capper Neill	59½	..	4.0b	6.8	7.5
53	6	Caravans Int	14½	• ..	0.3	2.1	90.6
40	15½	Carclo Eng	56	+1	3.0	10.7	5.2
72	22	Carless Capel	64	-1	2.3	3.3	7.0
90	26	Carlton Ind	53	+3	6.4	12.0	7.4
19	3½	Carpel	7¼	-¼	..	..	2.0
93	32	Carpets Int	82	..	8.5	10.3	9.2
39	13	Carr J. (Don)	35	..	2.2	5.7	5.6
29½	9	Carr'ton Vly	27	-½	2.6	10.5	7.9
61¼	23	Cashet S Hldgs	39	..	2.7	6.9	5.7
50	25	Catalin	48	+1	3.4	7.1	4.8
43	7	Causton Sir J.	5	..	..e	..	4.6
132	40	Cavenham	130	-3	6.0	4.3	..
135	45	Cawoods	134	..	8.8	5.6	9.3
13	4¾	Celestion	9½	..	0.6	5.8	8.6
73	18	Cement Rdstone	73	-1	4.5	6.3	6.9
29½	9½	Cen & Sheer	25½	• -1	2.9	12.4	10.4
64½	16½	Central Man	49	..	3.3	6.8	4.9
46	21½	Central Wagon	27½	..	3.4	12.5	3.6
62	15	Centre Hotels	27	..	1.7	6.2	7.0
37	12	Centreway Secs	17	..	2.8	16.5	2.9
23	10½	Century Secs	13½	+½	3.0	20.7	2.0
32	12	Ch'mbn & Hill	30	..	3.1	10.3	3.1
50	6	Chamberl'n Grp	24½	..	2.4	9.8	7.6
34	16½	Chamb Phipps	21½	..	2.7	12.5	4.9
30½	20	Charles D.	23	r -1	2.3b	10.0	19.6
44	12	Char'ton G'dner	44	+½	4.0	9.1	11.5
117	37	Chloride Grp	106	..	5.2	4.9	11.3
86	21¼	Christies Int	48	..	3.6	8.2	12.9
116	39	Chubb & Sons	116	..	4.8	4.1	11.8
160	60	Church & Co	115	..	8.4	7.3	4.6
122	50	Do A	105	..	8.4	8.0	4.2
18	6½	Ciro Hldgs	14½	..	..	..	..
36	20	Clark & Fenn	41	..	3.1	7.7	4.3
80	24	Clarke Chapman	73	+2	6.3	8.6	6.5
52	20	Clarke Clem.	52	+4	3.2	6.1	9.0
78	23	Clayton Dewan	78	..	6.5b	10.9	3.3
130	65	Clough A.	70	..	3.9	5.6	6.0
26¼	7¼	Coalite & Chem	22	+½	0.9	4.3	8.5
66	23	Coates Bros	51	• +1	2.8	5.5	5.0
53	22	Do A	48	• +1	2.8	5.9	5.6
64½	23¾	Coats Patons	64½	+½	4.2b	7.0	6.7
72	30	Cole R. H.	42	• ..	4.7	11.1	..
63	19	Collett D'son	35	..	3.9	11.1	4.6
8½	2½	Collier S.	4½	f ..	0.4	5.8	4.8
168	45	Collins W.	100	..	5.4	5.4	10.5
166	43	Do A	100	..	5.4	5.4	10.5
21	9½	Coltness Grp	15½	..	2.2	14.0	4.6
91	20	Comb Eng Strs	67	..	4.1	4.7	9.9
60	12	Comet Radiov'n	53	..	4.0	7.5	10.5
73	23½	CompAir	71	..	4.5b	6.4	9.7
52	23	Compton Plurs	40	..	5 2a	13.0	5.1
28	8½	Compton Webb	26	..	2.2	8.3	6.7
65	19	Concrete Ltd	51	..	4.5	8.7	10.9
14½	6½	Cooper Inds	8	+1	1.1b	14.0	3.4
57	25½	Cope Allman	41½	+½	3.9	9.5	5.9
133	30	Coral J Bldgs	96	..	9.0	9.3	8.3
62	17½	Cornercroft	31	..	4.0	12.9	3.9
18	12	Cory R.	12	..	1.0	9.3	6.6
68	27	Cosalt	47	..	3.7	7.9	3.6
234	60	Costain R.	227	..	6.5	2.3	11.5
51	11	Countryside	13	..	..	..	..
85	23	Courts (Furn)	75	+1	4.0	5.3	7.0
65	25	Do A NV	75	+1	4.0	5.3	7.0
90	10	Court Hlls Ldn	32	f ..	1.9	6.0	4.0
133	31	Courtaulds	152	-1	8.6	5.7	5.0
90	20	Courtney Pope	44	..	5.4	12.3	6.3
37	16½	C'wan de Groot	37	-1	5.0b	13.5	3.3
35	11	Cowie T.	26	+1	2.0	7.8	14.4
40	12½	Cox Ind	13	f ..	..e	..	2.4
27	9	Crane Fruehauf	14	+1	1.3	9.1	..
34	23	Crellon Hldgs	33	..	4.3b	13.1	6.0
62	12	Crest Nicholson	31	+2	4.1a	13.2	10.0
70	23	Croda Int	55	• ..	2.5b	4.3	7.6
32	13	Cronite Grp	31	+3	3.4	10.9	10.2
25	20	Cropper J.	28	..	2.6	9.4	2.8
112	76	Crosby Hse	103	..	13.1	12.7	..
17	8	Crossland R.	15½	• ..	1.6	10.4	6.8
61¾	32¼	Crossley Bldg	61	+1	5.8b	9.5	6.6
71	15	Crouch D.	28	..	4.3	15.4	7.5
53	12	Crouch Grp	29	..	3.7	13.2	7.5
35	20	Crowther J.	30	..	0.8e	2.5	10.6
40	13	Culter Guard	15	+½	..	..	..
74	34	Cum'ns En Cv	144	..	375	8.5	..
55	17	Cuthbert R. & G.	26½	-1½	2.5	12.0	5.7
55	11¾	Cutler Hmmer	£22¾	+¼	67.6	3.0	12.4
122	44	Dale Electric	122	• ..	6.6	5.4	11.3
145	60	Danish Bacon 'A'	145	+3	9.6	6.6	5.4
38	24	Danks Gowerton	33	..	3.0	9.1	3.3
12	4½	Dartmouth Inv	9½	..	0.9	9.6	6.6
34	23	Davies & New	84	..	9.7	11.5	7.1
55	14	Davis G.	40	+1	4.1	10.2	9.4
117	44½	Davy Int	115	..	8.8b	7.6	10.4
54	11	Dawson & Barfos	50	..	2.4a	4.8	9.0
62	30	Dawson J.	48	..	6.8	14.2	5.2
670	310	De Beers Ind	550	..	37.9	6.9	12.5
91¾	29¾	Debenhams	83	r -1	6.6b	8.0	10.4
197	63	De La Rue	196	..	16.4	8.4	8.7
288	94	Decca	240	..	13.3	5.6	7.8
284	90	Do A	234	..	13.3	5.7	7.6
45	15	Delson	17	..	2.3	13.2	2.7
79½	33½	Delta Metal	62	..	6.3b	10.1	7.6
122	36	Denbyware	122	..	7.7	6.3	8.4
133	59	De Vere Hotels	80	..	5.2	6.7	24.2
140	56	Dew G.	67	+1	6.3	6.5	6.1
139	48½	DRG	117	..	8.8	7.5	6.1
26	3½	Dimplex Ind	10	-½	..	..	..
48½	19	Diploma Inv	42	+1	3.3	7.9	4.2
60	13½	Dixons Photo	59	+1	3.0b	5.1	8.5
60	13½	Do A	58	-2	3.0b	5.2	6.3
60	28	Dixor	30	..	0.7	2.4	19.3
42¾	19¾	Dobson Park	41½	-½	2.6	6.3	9.8
81	20	Dolan Pack	44½	+1½	3.9	8.7	3.5
82	29	Dom Hldgs	37	..	5.4	14.6	10.5
112	55	Dorman Smith	110	..	6.7	6.1	10.5
96¼	50	Do A	96	+1	6.7	7.0	9.1
73	18	Douglas R. M.	64	..	4.9	7.6	4.7
25	6	Dow'd & Mills	24	s ..	1.4	5.6	11.6
130	56	Downing G. H.	130	+5	13.2	10.1	8.5
143	41	Dowty Grp	143	+3	7.7	5.4	11.1
20½	6	Drake Cubitt	10½	..	..	..	..
49	11½	Dreamland Elec	40	+2	3.0	7.3	6.3
38	10½	Dufay	38	+1	2.1	5.6	6.4
370	160	Duncan W.	160	..	26.5	16.5	4.6
71	28	Dunford & Ell	38	+3	5.9	15.6	3.3
71	17	Dunlop Hldgs	70	..	5.0	7.1	8.1
17	3	Duple Int	5½	..	..	..	4.7
82	30½	Duport	53	+2½	5.2b	9.8	3.4
38	10½	Dutton For	19½	..	1.2	6.6	7.3
59	17	Dykes J. Hldgs	35½	+1	4.6	13.0	7.6
75	18	ERF Hldgs	39	..	3.9	10.4	5.1
40	22	E Lancs Paper	39	..	4.5	11.6	3.0
69	30	E Mid A Press	39	..	3.5	9.1	7.2
79	13	Eastern Prod	20	..	..	..	1.6
84	22	Eastwood J. B.	59	-1	4.5	8.2	..
70	18	Do B Dfd	55	..	..	..	..
89	30	Edbro	63	..	7.2	11.4	5.1
34	14½	Ega Hldgs	34	s +2	2.3	6.6	4.4
29½	3½	Eldridge St'fd	3½	f ..	0.6	15.7	1.1
42	11½	Eleco Hldgs	26½	• +½	2.2	8.2	6.4
42	12	Elec & Ind Secs	40	• +1	3.0a	7.6	8.5
231	62	EMI Ltd	216	-5	9.6	4.4	13.0
124	42	Electrocomps	120	-4	6.0	5.0	9.9
74	18	Electr'nic Rent	57	..	2.0	3.5	11.8
57	35	Elliott B.	53	+1	5.8	10.5	2.8
43	20¾	Elliott Grp	36	..	3.0b	8.4	4.5
182	65	Ellis & Everard	96	+1	4.6	4.8	33.9
32	10	Ellis & Gold	19½	+½	2.3	11.8	3.5
103	35¾	Empire Stores	84	..	4.7b	5.5	9.8
19¼	2	Energy Serv	..	..	..	..	..
19½	7½	England J. E.	18½	• +½	1.7	9.3	9.4
45	22	English Card Cl	48	+3	3.4	7.0	2.7
104	33	Eng China Clay	67½	+1	3.5b	5.2	9.4
67	22	Erith & Co	57	• ..	6.4	8.3	10.5
95	25	Esperanza	86	..	6.1	7.1	..
170	19	Eucalyptus Pulp	33	+1	6.9	20.9	1.5
67	24¾	Euro Ferries	62½	• -1½	2.8b	4.5	10.8
50	27	Eva Industries	44	..	5 1	11.6	4.5
118	45	Ever-Ready Hg	112	• -2	4.9	4.4	11.5
64	22	Evode Hldgs	64	+1	2.7	4.3	7.8
21	8½	Ewer G.	16	..	1.5	9.5	8.3
116	45	Exch Telegraph	66	..	6.2	9.2	13.4
10	3½	Excalibur	8	..	0.6	7.5	3.3
64½	27	Expand Metal	62	+1	4.2	6.8	9.0

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
36	12	F C Cons	40	+3½	4.1	10.1	6.4
82	29	FMC	61	-1	7.7	12.6	2.9
31	10	FPA Cons	13	..	..e	..	..
198	63½	Fairclough L.	188	+1	12.7a	6.8	8.8
38	6	Fairfax Jersey	6	..	..	..	..
32	18	Fairview Est	27	+3	7.2	12.6	5.1
105	32	Farnell Elect	73	..	5.1	6.9	5.5
66	32	Fed Chem Hldgs	55	+2	4.4	7.9	10.3
39	6	Fed Lnd & Build	23	..	1.5	6.5	12.6
29½	12½	Feedex Ltd	25	..	2.0b	7.0	8.1
129	41	Fenner J. H.	113	+1	7.5	6.6	10.1
74	36	Ferguson Hldgs	74	+1	7.0	9.9	7.9
60	30	Ferro Metal	56	..	5.7	10.1	2.5
36	9	Fertleman B.	36	..	1.1	3.1	1.7
37	14½	Fine Art Dev	30	+½	1.6	7.8	6.8
135	51	Finlay J.	138	• +1	6.4b	4.6	9.1
21	14	Finlay Pack	16	..	1.4	8.6	6.6
34	9	First Finsbury	20	..	3.1b	15.4	12.7
42	33	Firth G.M.	55	..	7.7	14.0	3.9
417	145	Fisons	390	..	15.7	4.0	12.7
73	24	Fitch Lovell	62	-1	4.7	7.5	15.6
19	10½	Fodens	19	+2	0.8	2.6	4.3
74	22	Fogarty E.	60	+4	5.2	8.7	6.7
26	6½	Folkes Hefo NV	30	+1	1.6	7.8	5.3
34	14	Ford (Martin)	38	..	3.4	8.9	10.7
168	94	Ford Mtr BDR	168	..	5.5g	3.3	20.7
79	24	Formminster	70	..	5.3	7.5	8.5
790	340	Fortnm & Mason	495	..	29.3	5.9	10.3
183	52	Foseco Min	170	-1	5.5	3.1	13.6
73	21	Foster Bros	68	• ..	3.6	5.6	10.8
45	10½	Foster J.	29	..	4.4	15.8	8.4
18	6	Francis Parker	14	..	..	..	..
142	74	Freemans Ldn	141	+1	7.4	4.6	9.3
57	25	French T.	40	..	3.2	8.1	3.9
36½	5½	French Kier	8	..	0.1	1.0	..
78½	33	Friedland Doggt	63	+1	3.8	6.0	7.4
145	38	GRP Grp	97	• ..	10.3	10.7	4.4
54	9½	GRA Prop Tst	8½	f ..	..	..	..
138	47	Gallenkamp	135	-1	6.4	4.7	7.8
37	17	Galliford Brindley	28	+1	2.8	7.2	5.7
84	32	Garnar Scotblair	70	+1	5.4b	4.9	9.2
61	23¾	GEI Int	50	+1	4.8b	9.6	6.4
142	48	GEC	142	+3	4.7	3.3	9.3
222	102	Gen Mtr BDR	222	+3	5.1	2.3	28.1
80	19½	Gibbons Dudley	60	+½	4.5	7.5	9.4
81	43	Gibbons S. Int	50	..	3.8	8.0	7.1
120	42	Gill & Duffus	137	• +1	5.8a	4.6	8.3
60	13½	Giltspur Ltd	35½	-1½	3.4	9.5	7.9
56	22	Glass & Metal	56	..	3.9b	6.9	7.8
40	13¼	Glass Glover	25	..	1.9a	8.8	12.1
414½	125	Glaxo Hldgs	343	• -2	12.8	3.7	13.4
35	13	Gleeson M. J.	25	..	2.2	8.9	6.9
106	32	Glynwed	96	+1½	9.7b	10.1	8.3
96	24	Goldbg & Sons	54	..	5.8	10.6	10.5
134	33	Gomme Hldgs	83½	• -1	7.6	9.2	24.1
62½	30	Gordon & Gotch	57	..	3.1	5.4	7.1
108	30	Gordon L. Grp	23	..	..	..	..
41	22	Graham Wood	39	..	2.8	11.3	5.3
67	22	Grampian Hldgs	49	..	5.2	10.5	5.2
72	21	Granada 'A'	72	+3	3.7	5.1	9.4
80½	23½	Grand Met Ltd	71	..	5.0b	7.0	12.0
234	85	Gt Univ Stores	203	..	9.4	4.5	12.0
210	83	Do A	195	..	9.4	4.8	11.2
33	11	Gre Milletts	34	..	1.5	6.3	9.4
84	30	Greens Econ	77	• +1	3.2	4.1	8.3
84	32	Gripperrods	69	+3	4.9	7.2	5.4
366	108½	GKN	250	+3	16.7	6.7	5.6
31	12½	HAT Grp	34	s +1	1.9	5.4	3.1
104	28	Haden Carrier	93	..	10.4	11.2	6.7
280	93	Haggas J.	270	..	4.3	1.6	6.4
176	48	Hall Eng	146	+1	8.6	5.9	4.6
129½	23	Hall M.	115	-3	8.1	7.1	14.0
85	19	Hall-Thermot'k	84	+4	4.3	5.1	9.3
23	9	Halma Ltd	18¼	-¼	1.6	9.0	8.5
174	85	Hanimex Corp	122	-3	5.7	5.1	5.4
125	34¾	Hanson Trust	119	-2	10.4b	8.7	12.3
44	14	Hardy Furn	48	+1	4.2	9.0	9.6
47	11	Do A	47	+2	4.3	9.2	9.4
43	15	Hargreaves Grp	35	..	3.3	9.3	7.2
39½	9½	Harmo Ind	37	-½	2.2	6.0	8.9
48	15	Harris Sheldon	37½	..	3.7	9.9	7.0
95	22¾	Harris M. P.	48	sh ..	1.4e	2.9	8.5
12½	3½	Harrison Cros	£9½	r ..	44.6b	5.2	10.2
39	13	Hartwells Grp	46	..	5.1	11.0	5.8
336	122	Hawker Sidd	330	• ..	19.5	5.9	5.8
76	36¼	Hawkins & T'son	75	..	5.0a	6.7	8.0
110	24	Hawthorn L.	54	• ..	2.8	4.3	..
205	54	Hays Wharf	82	..	6.4	7.8	6.4
33½	6	Head Wri'tson	32½	+½	1.7	5.2	8.9
16	7½	Helene of Ldn	9½	..	0.8	8.2	4.0
38¾	19	Helical Bar	39	+2	3.1	10.6	6.9
35	11	Hend'son Kent	33	..	3.1	8.0	5.8
134	26	Henly's	77	-2½	3.3	10.7	8.5
40	9	Hepworth Cer	40	+1	3.0	7.6	10.5
28	4	Herbert A.	5	..	..	..	..
13½	5	Herman Smith	8½	+½	60.7	..	2.8
71	16½	Hestair	62	+1	4.9b	7.1	6.6
57½	17½	Hewden-Stuart	49	+2	2.2b	4.8	7.9
16	6	Hewitt J.	11½	..	1.2	10.3	7.5
67	11	Hicking P'cost	59	+2	7.6	12.9	8.0
287	101	Hickson Welch	257	+7	12.7	4.4	9.4
19½	4½	Hield Bros	14½	+½	1.2	7.9	7.0
55	17	Higgs & Hill	48	..	4.3	8.9	9.5
38	12	Highgate Opt	24	• ..	2.9	12.0	3.5
100	43	Hill C. Bristol	86	..	4.0	4.7	..
120	37	Hoffnung S.	101	+1	5.3	5.2	12.7
57	15	Hollas Grp	29	..	2.3	11.2	7.9
87	19	Hollis Bros	53	..	5.1	9.6	16.2
42	18	Holt Products	42	+2	2.7	6.5	20.7
73	24	Home Charm	74	..	4.3	5.8	11.4
325	115	Hoover	315	..	17.2	5.5	..
325	117	Do A	313	..	17.2	5.5	..
26½	7½	Horizon Mid	27½	+½	2.7	9.7	10.5
110½	34	Hse of Fraser	83	..	5.8	7.0	9.0
45	15	Hov'ringham	37	..	0.5	1.9	54.0
35	6	Do RV	18½	..	0.5	2.7	37.0
30	11	Howard & Wynd	28	..	..	..	..
14	8	Do A	10	..	..	..	7.1
30¾	27½	Howard Mach	36	..	3.1b	6.2	4.8
25	11	Howard Tenens	14	..	2.6	18.5	4.8
91	31	Howden Grp	90½	..	6.9	9.0	9.7
14½	6¾	Hudsons Bay	£11¾	..	24.5	2.1	19.2
19	4	Humphries Hldgs	4½	..	..e	..	..
29½	12	Hunt Moscrop	16½	-½	0.8	4.9	7.6
77	25	Hunting Assoc	76	..	3.7b	4.9	4.2
83	26	Huntleigh Grp	63	..	2.9	4.5	6.1
56	17½	Hutchison Int	29½	+½	..	..	..

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
155	40	IDC Grp	92	..	11.2	12.1	4.9
95	25	Ibstock Johns'n	95	..	6.4b	6.7	7.4
40	12	Illing Morris	24	..	2.1	8.9	8.1
31	10½	Do A	23	..	2.1	9.3	7.7
315	116	Imp Chem Ind	315	+5	18.2	5.8	6.0
185	55	Imp Cold Store	113	• ..	0.1	0.1	9.1
78½	23½	Imperial Grp	76½	+1½	6.6	8.7	14.2
50	20	Imp Metal Ind	47½	-2	4.0	8.4	9.9
67	19	Ingledon & L	38	+1	4.7	12.3	6.1
60	25	Ingall Ind	37	..	4.5	12.0	6.9
56	20	Ingram H.	31	-2	3.6	11.3	4.4
56	20	Initial Services	55	..	5.2	9.4	9.7
12½	6½	Int Combustion	8¼	• +¼	1.0b	12.1	..
71	26	Int Computers	56	..	1.0	1.8	3.3
110	36	Int Timber	94	..	8.0	8.5	21.6
74	30	Inveresk Grp	63	..	6.7	10.6	2.0
102	24	Ireland E.	28	..	..	..	..
13½	6¾	Itoh BDR	£10¼	..	8.6	0.8	..
39	8½	JB Hldgs	25	..	1.3	5.0	4.6
18	6	Jacks W.	12	..	..e	..	..
47	20	Jackson & Stple	24	..	3.3	13.8	10.5
85	13	Jacksons B'End	37	..	4.4	11.8	5.0
153	45	James H. C.	137	..	7.9	5.7	7.8
407½	136¾	Jardine M'son	335	+3	..	..	..
165	37	Jarvis J.	135	-1	11.0	8.1	5.0
18	8	Jessups Hldgs	17	..	2.0	11.5	5.2
54	25	Johnson & F B	53	+1	3.4	10.1	6.3
84	18	Johnson Grp	39	..	3.8	8.8	10.3
355	120	Johnson Matt	302	+2	15.7	5.2	8.0
240	84	Johnson-Richd	160	+8	8.2	5.1	5.8
73	30	Jones Stroud	53	..	5.4	10.2	4.1
38	10	Jourdan T.	12	..	..e	..	6.8
43	18	Judge Int	30	-1	2.9	9.7	4.3
94	23	K Shoes	51	..	3.2	6.3	8.1
70	30	Kelsey Ind	47	..	3.5	8.1	4.2
87	30	Kenning Mtr	56½	-½	4.7	8.4	7.1
43	12½	Kent M. P.	34	-1	2.6	7.7	3.5
150	30	Kitchen Taylor	53	-3	2.6	4.7	11.0
218	64	Kleeman Ind	213	• ..	6.4b	3.0	14.5
282	60	Kwik Save Disc	262	• ..	3.6	1.4	20.0
87	17½	LCP Hldgs	63	+1	6.0	9.5	9.9
58	14	LRC Int	33	-1	3.1	9.3	19.5
96	31	Ladbroke	97	+1	6.3b	6.5	9.8
48	23	Ladies Pride	36	+1	4.0	11.1	6.1
34	12	Lafarge	19	..	1.2	6.1	5.9
142½	36	Laing J.	141	+4	2.7	1.9	17.5
143½	36	Do A	141	+4	2.7	1.9	17.5
54½	24½	Laird Grp Ltd	49½	+2½	3.7b	8.1	5.2
73	17	Lake & Elliot	73	• +2	4.8	6.6	6.9
41	25	Lambert H'wth	34	+1	3.5	10.2	3.1
102	45	Lamson Ind	79	+2	4.2	5.3	..
42	6	Lane P. Grp	21	+1	..e	..	..
110	46	Lankro	108	..	7.4b	6.8	3.2
108	42	Laporte Ind	68	..	4.6b	6.8	5.1
170	65	Latham J.	145	..	10.6	7.3	6.9
67	16½	Lawrence Scott	43½	+1	3.9	8.9	..
40	15	Lawtex	29	..	4.0	13.7	4.1
118	48	Lead Industries	114	..	7.5	6.6	..
46	16	Le-Bas E.	46	..	2.2	4.7	4.9
20½	6	Lee A.	14¾	..	2.1	14.4	2.7
75	36	Leisure C'van	75	+2	6.8a	9.1	16.2
165	61	Lep Grp	130	..	3.9	3.0	5.1
41	12	Lesney Ord	41	..	1.3b	3.2	6.3
38	11	Do RV	28	+4	1.3b	5.0	4.0
96	13	Letraset	47	-1	2.0	4.2	10.8
33	15	Lex Services	29	-1	2.3	11.6	6.6
56	21	Lilley F. J. C.	54	..	2.6	4.9	6.4
39	20	Lincroft Kilg	34	..	4.5	13.3	3.1
69	23	Lindustries	55	+1	5.8	10.5	4.4
220	45	Linfood Hldgs	218	..	12.3	5.6	13.4
48	20	Linread	30	• ..	4.7	15.7	5.0
75	28	Lipton L.	28	..	..e	..	3.0
58½	21	Lister & Co	40	+1	3.8	9.4	12.2
67½	29	Lloyd F. H.	67½	+2½	6.1	9.0	6.7
61	30	Lloyds Indust	61	-3	5.0	8.2	10.3
12¾	6	Locker T.	11	-¼	1.0	9.1	3.3
11¾	5	Do A	11	-¼	1.0	9.1	5.3
70	35	Lockwoods Fds	66	..	4.6	7.0	4.3
54	16	Ldn & M'land	54	+1	5.7	10.5	4.9
47	13	Ldn & N'thern	47	..	5.0	10.6	9.2
62	13	Ldn Brick Co	61	• ..	3.7	6.0	30.5
117½	69	Ldn Prov Post	74	• ..	12.1	16.4	4.2
43	19	Longton Trans	30	..	4.4	14.6	5.0
139	42¼	Lonrho	106	-1	5.8	5.4	..
100	23	Lonsdale Univ	33	..	3.6	10.5	4.6
76	22	Lovell Hldgs	37	+1	3.0a	8.2	5.1
75	75	Loveys J.	75	f ..	..	..	..
184	88½	Low & Bonar	163	-2	13.9	8.4	5.8
166	37	Lucas Ind	166	-3	8.1	4.9	7.0
98	25	Lyles S.	37	..	3.1	8.3	..
23¾	13	Lyndale Eng	23	-2	2.8	12.0	3.6
253	55	Lyons J. Ord	155	..	11.7	7.5	47.0
240	50	Do A	155	..	11.7	7.5	47.0

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
61	7	MFI W'house	25	..	3.1	5.6	24.7
101	17	MK Electric	33	..	..	..	..
90	17	MK Refrig'tion	38	-2	3.6	9.4	4.0
29½	10	MTE Ltd	29½	..	2.6	8.8	7.2
44	16	MY Dart	39	..	2.2	5.6	6.6
240	95¾	McCorquodale	240	+3	19.6b	8.2	11.0
93	15	McInerney Prop	22	..	..	..	..
29½	11	McCleery L'Amie	18	..	2.6	14.3	3.4
11	3½	McIntyre	4½	f ..	0.9	19.6	3.4
44	16	Mackay H.	39	..	4.4	11.4	6.6
40	31	McKechnie Bros	71	..	5.5	7.7	12.3
75	20	McNeill Grp	44	+1	4.0	9.2	4.5
43	17	Macpherson D.	38	..	3.0b	7.9	5.0
30	9½	Madame Tussds	19½	..	1.4	7.0	10.6
280	41	Magnet Joinery	280	h +2	4.2	2.1	10.2
65	11	Mallinson W.	39	..	2.9b	7.4	7.2
100	33	Man Agcy Music	57	..	7.5b	13.2	3.6
147	53¾	Manbre & Gart	146	-1	9.8b	6.5	11.9
272	110	Man Ship Canal	163	-5	18.3	11.2	5.3
20	4½	Mang Bronze	4	..	..	..	4.1
49	22	Mann & Overtn	48	..	4.6	10.0	4.9
80	23	Manordale Grp	43	..	5.7	13.5	12.7
54	7½	Maple Mac'wds	11½	..	..	..	..
114	24	Marchwiel	114	..	3.9	3.4	7.1
74	18	Marks A.	25	..	5.1	20.3	2.3
125	47½	Marks & Spencer	108	• +1	5.1	4.8	17.5
92	29½	Marley Ltd	90	+2	4.4	4.9	7.8
21	8	Marling Ind	15	..	1.3	8.3	3.5
33½	9	Marray Grp	18	+1	2.1	11.4	5.6
46	5	Marshall Car	15	..	4.1b	18.0	9.1
27	11	Marshall T Lox	26	..	2.9a	11.1	3.6
24	9	Do A	22½	+½	2.9a	12.8	3.1
74	28	Marshall T. Inv	52	..	5.0	9.6	3.6
151	56	Marshalls Univ	135	..	10.2	7.6	3.6
109	48¾	Martin-Black	102	..	6.2b	6.0	7.4
102	50	Martin-News	144	..	8.9	4.1	9.7
80	25	Martin T.	45	..	3.4	7.6	5.2
158	50	Martonair	136	..	5.2	3.8	8.8
63	17	Mather & Platt	48½	-½	4.0	8.7	6.4
80	22	Matthews Hldgs	44½	+1	3.8b	8.5	5.3
87¼	23	May & Hassel	78	+3	3.5	4.5	4.6
425	100	Maynards	380	..	24.3	6.4	6.4
36	12	Mears Bros	22	..	2.3	10.6	10.1
26	10	Medminster	15	..	2.5	16.7	11.0
15	7	Mentmore Mfg	12	..	1.2	9.8	12.3
170	36	Menzies J.	130	..	5.9	4.5	10.5
298½	133	Metal Box	268	-2	18.6b	6.9	7.9
91	44	Metal Closures	68	..	4.9	7.5	5.3
39	10	Metal Products	10	f ..	1.2	11.5	13.7
29¼	12½	Metalrax	27	..	9.6	35.4	8.0
33	10¼	Mettoy	30	• -1	2.5	8.2	6.5
67	17	Meyer M. L.	57½	+3	2.9	5.4	7.9
17½	7½	Midland Ind	17½	..	1.3	7.3	5.1
73	34	Mills A. J.	54	+3	3.9	7.3	5.9
95	16	Mills & Allen	20	..	..	..	..
181	79	Miln Marsters	151	..	9.7	6.4	12.9
45	15	Mining Supplies	44	..	3.1	7.0	3.9
60	60	Mitchell Constr	60	f ..	7.5a	12.5	3.7
86	28	Mitchell Cotts	67	..	4.7b	8.2	8.4
114	18	Mixconcrete	51	+2	3.4	6.7	18.3
41	12	Modern Eng	37	..	4.3	11.7	8.5
61	13	Monk A.	46	..	5.9	12.8	15.1
47	17	Mono Containers	19	..	1.5b	8.1	1.8
39½	22	M'santo 5% Ln	£30½	..	500	16.4	..
48½	29	Do 6¼ Ln	£37	..	625	16.9	..
177	74	Do 5% Cnv	£177	+2	500	2.8	..
41	12	Montfort Knit	25	..	4.4	17.7	26.3
100	39	Morgan Cruc	90	+1	6.6b	7.3	9.7
60	25	Morgan Edwds	60	..	5.0b	8.3	6.9
122	36	Morgan-Gramp	41	+1	3.4	8.2	12.1
65	25	Morris & Blakey	48	..	5.9b	12.3	10.3
63	33	Do A	36	..	5.9b	16.4	7.7
98	15	Morris H.	67	..	4.0a	6.0	6.7
96	23	Moss Bros	34	..	1.5	4.6	19.8
44	19	Moss Eng	40	+1	4.9	12.2	8.9
208	95	Mothercare	170	• ..	7.3	4.3	15.7
16	3¾	Mt Charlotte	4½	..	0.1	2.3	..
21	5½	Mowlies	8	..	..e	..	5.2
96	36	Mowlem J.	82	..	6.2	7.6	7.0
77	29	Muirhead	78	..	4.4	5.7	11.4
125	16	Myson Grp	83	+3	5.4	6.5	10.4
57	16½	NSS News	57	..	2.7	4.7	12.8
142	35	Nairn & W'son	119	h ..	6.2	5.2	12.7
95	18	Nat Carbon	34	-1	..e	..	..
30	5	Needlers	17	-1	..e	..	..
43½	15½	Neepsend	43	..	4.4	10.2	6.6
63	30	Negretti & Zam	39	-1	4.1	10.6	5.8
51	33	Neill J.	64	..	6.7	10.4	7.3
142	40	Newarthill	64	+3	6.3	9.8	11.9
45	22	Newman Ind	41	..	5.5b	13.5	2.7
59	17	Newman Tonks	43	• ..	4.6	10.6	6.7
90½	40	Newmans Tubes	46	+1	3.4	7.4	4.1
175	35	Newmark L.	80	..	7.7	9.6	4.2
75	24½	Norcros	75	..	5.5b	7.4	9.3
53¾	53¾	Norfolk C Bris	53¾	f ..	1.3	2.3	15.7
45	20¾	Normand Elec	40	-2	3.6b	8.9	6.9
74	19¼	Nthn Foods	73	-1	3.9p	5.3	11.2
13½	6½	Norton W. E.	8	..	0.7	9.3	5.2
54	15	Norwest Holst	29	-1	1.4	4.8	..
71	25	Notts Mfg	54	+1	3.7	6.9	6.7
28	9½	Nu-Swift Ind	15	-½	1.8	12.3	10.9

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
112	43	Ocean Wilsons	110	+2	3.6b	3.2	6.8
110	42	Udex Racasan	68	..	5.5	8.1	6.1
62	25	Office & Elect	59	-1	5.1	8.7	6.0
51	39¼	Olives Grp	56	-1	4.3	7.8	5.6
16¼	6½	Ogilvy & M	£13¼	• -¼	42.2	3.2	9.2
50	17	Osborn S.	50	+4½	4.1	8.2	2.8
75	23	Owen Owen	67	..	3.4	5.1	6.5
26	8	Oxley Printing	14	..	..	..	13.0
191	73	Ozalid	124	..	8.2	6.6	7.1
50½	19	Parker Knoll 'A'	58	-2	4.0	7.6	3.9
51	26	Parker Timber	78	..	3.3	4.2	4.8
470	151	Paterson Zoch	470	• -10	10.8	2.3	9.5
470	124½	Do A NV	470	• +10	10.8	2.3	9.6
73	32	Pauls & Whites	73	..	4.4	6.1	5.5
122	38	Pearson Long	88	..	6.9	7.8	7.0
167	38	Pearson & Son	147	..	7.8	5.3	10.7
37	19	Do 4% Ln	£26½	..	400	15.1	..
65	15	Peck J.	16	f ..	..e	..	2.1
150	51½	Pegler-Hatt	160	+4	9.6b	6.4	5.5
131	50½	Perkin El 4%	£98	-2	..	..	..
31½	8¼	Permali	31½	h ..	7.2a	3.9	11.0
22	25	Perry H. Mtrs	77	• +1	6.5	8.4	7.0
110	28¼	Petrocon Grp	108	+1½	5.9	5.4	13.5
41¾	14	P'borough Mtrs	28	..	2.8	10.1	4.0
74	3½	Philips Fin 5¾	£53	..	375	10.5	..
925	470	Philips Lamp	765	-3	31.2	4.1	..
30½	6	Phillips Pats	6	..	1.5	25.7	..
103	30	Phoenix Timber	66	..	4.9	7.5	20.8
87	20	Photo-Me Int	79	..	1.8	2.3	8.7
29	9	Plutopia Int	28	• ..	1.8	6.5	3.9
79	60	P'dilly Theatre	73	..	2.1	2.9	17.8
70	28	Pifco Hldgs	53	..	3.4	6.4	5.1
64	26	Do A	51	..	3.4	6.6	4.8
310	94	Pilkington Bros	270	..	13.4	5.0	11.3
74	28	Pittard Grp	68	..	3.3a	9.6	11.9
125	50	Plastons	78	..	9.1	11.6	6.0
39½	17	Pleasurama	25	..	2.4	9.2	5.1
100	37	Plessey	75	• +2	6.2	8.3	7.5
14½	4¾	Do $ Ord	£11⅜	-½	..	..	..
36	14	Plysu	36	..	1.6	4.4	7.8
55	17½	Pontins	39½	-½	2.3a	6.7	12.0
7½	2½	Poole & Glad	2½	f ..	..	..	..
194	62	Pork Farms	132	-1	10.6	8.4	7.1
158	50	Portals Hldgs	149	• ..	8.5b	5.8	9.9
34½	27	Porter Chad	33	..	6.1	11.4	5.4
44	18	Portsmth News	39	+1	3.6	12.4	4.7
143	53	Powell Duffryn	139	..	10.0	7.4	8.9
57	17	Pratt F. Eng	53	..	6.0	11.2	6.4
42	23¾	Preedy A.	38	..	1.8	5.0	7.2
34	9	Press W.	34	• ..	1.7	5.0	11.4
150	55	Prestige Grp	150	-2	6.6	5.0	11.2
220	95	Pretoria P Cem	149	..	11.8	6.6	4.1
175	42	Pride & Clarke	120	..	13.0a	10.8	5.0
70½	25	Priest B.	48	+1	5.6	11.3	3.7
28	7½	Pritchard Serv	15	• ..	1.9	12.4	5.6
83	26	Pullman R. & J.	68	+1	7.5	11.0	6.0
93	22	Pye Hldgs	55	• ..	5.7	10.3	5.4
80	44	Pyke W. J.	46	..	1.3	2.9	6.9
32	11	Pyramid Grp	27½	+½	2.8	10.2	9.3
30¼	7⅛	Quaker Oats	£20¼	-¼	39.9	2.0	38.5
17	5	Queens Moat	7	-½	0.8	11.3	9.7
22	6	Quick H. J.	16	..	1.4b	8.8	8.7
56	27	RKT Textiles	42	..	6.6	15.6	3.9
190	49½	Racal Elect	182	-4	2.2	1.2	18.7
22	10	Raine Eng	22	+1	1.2	5.2	7.2
323	80	Rank Org Ord	182	+2	10.0a	5.8	10.1
335	90	Do A	167	-3	10.0a	6.0	9.8
50	23	RBM	49	-½	3.9a	7.9	13.1
67	16	RHP	64½	..	4.9	7.6	9.7
178	46	Ransomes Sims	135	+1	10.3	8.8	5.8
72	30	Ratcliffe F. S.	45	..	6.5	14.4	4.2
61	30	Ratners	61	..	2.2	3.6	8.3
39½	13½	Raybeck Ltd	38	r ..	3.8b	10.1	7.7
24	10	Readicut Int	21¼	+¼	1.8	8.0	6.6
91½	24	RMC	86	+2	5.2b	6.1	14.4
240	108	Reckitt & Colmn	328	• ..	12.8	3.9	15.8
44	6	Record Ridgway	38	..	4.1	10.8	7.2
78	27	Redfearn Nat	56	+3	5.2	9.2	6.0
87	35	Rediffusion	87	..	5.8	6.3	10.8
97	33½	Redland	98	..	5.3b	5.5	11.4
86	23	Reed & Smith	34	..	2.4	7.2	3.3
115	23	Reed A.	40	• +1	3.4	8.4	9.5
104	20	Do A NV	40	• +2	3.4	8.4	9.3
240	123	Reed Int	240	• ..	17.0	7.1	5.2
615	309¾	Reliance Grp	445	-40	..	..	..
305	63	Rennies Cons	237	..	13.3	5.6	8.4
159½	65	Renold Ltd	142	-1	10.9	7.6	8.0
73	29½	Rentokil Grp	69½	+1	2.5	3.6	14.8
71¾	17	Renwick Grp	20	..	2.7	13.6	..
73	27	Reverlex	71	..	6.4	9.0	4.9
53	17	Rexmore	39	..	5.5	14.2	6.5
77	19	[illegible] Parsns	73	-1	4.6e	6.3	4.7
105	60	Ricardo Eng	84	..	8.2	9.7	4.0
72	29	Richards & Wall	64	..	5.7	8.9	5.4
18½	8⅝	Rich'n-Merrell	£16¾	• +½	80.5	1.8	18.3
57	25	Richardsns W.	49½	+½	5.5	11.1	6.7
42	20	Rivlin I.R. & S.	28	..	3.7	14.1	5.4
100	10	Robb Caledon	33	..	..	..	..
135	70	R'son Rentals	119	..	6.5	5.3	13.8
78	21	Rockware Grp	66	-1	3.1a	4.5	8.0
67½	21½	Rolls-R Motors	67½	+1½	5.4	8.0	8.7
35	17	Ropner Hldgs	23½	..	2.5	10.9	3.7
33	10	Do A	17½	-½	2.5	14.1	4.4
35	9	Rosgill Hdgs	27	..	3.5	12.8	6.8
45	7½	Rotaflex	21½	..	1.1	5.2	6.6
47	16	Rotaprint	31	+1	4.0	12.7	8.6
45½	10½	Rothmans Int 'B'	32	-¼	2.3	7.3	8.5
123	17	Rotork Ltd	116	..	2.4	2.2	10.0
96	47	Routledge & K	47	..	4.5	10.1	6.3
300	32	Rowntree Mac	250	..	6.7	3.3	10.3
140	20	Rowton Hotels	69	..	7.4	10.9	8.9
55	27	Royal Sov Grp	38	-1	3.4	9.4	4.6
156½	70	Royal Worcs	128	..	8.8	6.2	6.1
23	7	Rotec Grp	26	• -½	2.2	11.8	11.9
36	10	Ruberoid	20	-½	1.4	7.2	9.2
57	23	Rugby Cement	51	• ..	4.3	5.2	10.5
46	24	Do NV	46	• +2	3.6	7.7	27.0
95	50	RTD Grp	29	..	11.4	28.2	2.2
25	6	S & U Stores	26	..	1.5	5.6	16.7
118	35	SGB Grp	112	..	6.7b	6.0	7.0
25⅞	9⅞	SKF 'B'	£24	..	47.9	2.0	12.8
50	13	Sabah Timber	26	• ..	1.9a	7.2	6.0
154	73	Sainsbury J.	149	-2	6.9	4.7	18.0
31	12¾	St Gobain	£25⅛	..	65.7	2.7	12.0
125	41	Sale Tilney	70	..	6.5	9.3	6.4
125	40¾	Samuel H.	115	..	7.4b	6.6	7.2
125	39½	Do A	112	..	7.4b	6.1	7.6
30½	22	Sanderson Kay	44	-1	5.5	11.2	6.6
37	16	Sanger J. E.	32	+3	3.8	11.2	21.1
101	29½	Sangers	85	..	7.4b	8.4	12.9
30	10	Savoy Hotel 'A'	22	-½	0.8	3.4	..
73	31	Scapa Grp	58	..	5.6	9.7	3.9
255	115	Scholes G. H.	232	+2	20.5	12.1	14.2
44	24	Scotcros	42	..	3.7	8.9	8.5
54	11	Scotia Inv	21	h ..	..e	..	16.7
32	9	Scottish TV 'A'	23	..	..e	..	17.3
133	45	Scot Univ Inv	58	..	6.9	7.1	22.5
30	6	Scragg E.	16	h ..	0.6	3.9	4.7
45½	21¼	Sears Hldgs	44½	-½	2.9	6.6	12.9
107¾	33¼	Securicor Grp	52	..	1.6	3.0	11.0
101¾	35	Do NV	50	..	1.6	3.2	10.6
109½	33¾	Security Serv	52	..	2.4	4.6	9.8
105¾	33½	Do A	52	..	2.4	4.6	9.5
38	21	Sekers Int	17	..	2.3	13.6	11.6
13	¾	Selincourt	7	• ..	1.1	16.0	9.2
43	15	Serck	42	-1	3.2b	7.5	13.3
36	13	Shakespeare J.	19	..	1.2	6.3	3.6
36	21	Shaw Carpets	21½	..	3.2	14.8	4.6
30	7½	Shaw F	23½	+1	2.1a	10.8	6.4
53	12	Sheepbridge	53	+2	4.5	8.5	12.2
94	17	Sheffield Twist	94	h ..	..e	..	14.4
32	16	Sheldabear Price	32	..	3.5	10.9	3.8
21	5	Sherman S.	5½	..	..	..	..
77	25	Sidlaw Ind	61	+5	7.5	12.4	6.9
166	56	Siebe Gorman	164	+1	7.0b	4.3	9.7
58	12	Siemssen Hunt	26	-1	2.0a	11.5	8.5
166	65	Signode 7% Cn	£150	-5	700	4.7	..
31½	7	Silentbloc	28	..	2.4	8.7	12.4
121	56½	Simon Eng	122	+2	9.0b	7.4	9.9
92	34	Simpson S.	40	• ..	4.3	10.8	9.0
97	32	Do A	40	• ..	4.3	10.8	9.0
33	14½	Sirdar	33	+½	3.5b	10.6	7.3
67½	26	600 Group	65	..	4.7	7.2	5.6
66	29	Sketchley	85	..	6.4	8.3	9.6
42	20	Slimma Grp	38½	..	2.6	6.7	7.2
41½	18	Small & Tidmas	22	-1	3.2	14.4	2.8
31	17	Smith D.S.	31	..	3.1	9.9	4.5
55½	22	Smith & Neph	57	-½	2.9	5.0	13.6
427	124	Smith W. H.	416	-6	12.4	3.0	16.3
140	55	Smiths Ind	137	-3	9.1	6.6	9.2
113	45	Smurfit	106	..	10.0	9.4	4.6
32	12	Sobranie	15	-2	2.1	13.8	10.2
28	11	Do NV	15	-2	2.1	13.8	10.2
53	18	Solicitors Law	49	..	5.0	10.3	8.9
145	50	Sparrow G. W.	145	..	6.5	4.5	11.5
123	32½	Spear & Jackson	93	+1	7.3b	7.5	6.8
99	47¼	Spear J. W.	55	..	2.2	2.5	5.8
25	6	Spencer Gears	12	+1	1.4	11.3	3.3
43	23	Spencer G.	26	..	4.0	15.3	5.0
49½	19	Spillers	47½	..	3.9a	8.1	17.3
127	54½	Spirax-Sarco	127	..	8.7b	6.8	10.6
54	19	Spirella	53½	-½	4.6a	8.5	8.2
42	19	Spooner Ind	35	-2	3.3	9.5	4.8
120	60	Staffs Potts	100	-2	7.6	7.6	4.2
49	22	Staflex Int	45	..	3.5	7.9	5.0
92	36	Stag Furniture	91	-1	9.0a	9.9	3.1
76	33¾	Stanley A. G.	73	..	7.3	10.0	13.4
52	11½	Starwood Radio	30	..	..e	..	..
125	38	Staveley Ind	125	-1	10.8	8.6	7.4
265	100	Steel Bros	244	• ..	11.9	4.9	23.6
128	54	Steetley Co	117	..	8.1b	6.9	7.0
30	10	Steinberg	14	..	1.3	9.4	5.2
48	5	Stephen J.	7	..	..	..	..
95	50	Stew'l & Ll 6%	50	..	..	..	..
55	13	Stigwood R. Grp	25	..	2.2a	8.6	7.1
37	9	Stocklake Hldgs	20	..	..e	..	..
73	40	Stocksl. & Son	70	..	5.0	7.1	2.7
80	24	Stonehill	80	+1	8.2	10.3	9.1
89½	29½	Stone Platt	89½	• ..	4.5b	5.1	5.9
61	14	Storey Bros	32½	-½	4.6	9.7	8.5
120	55	Stothert & Pitt	106	+3	12.1	11.4	22.1
83	27	Strong & Fisher	72	..	5.7	7.9	8.9
53	4½	Sturla G.	14	..	..	..	..
12¾	4¾	Sumner F.	6	..	0.8	13.0	3.0
57⅜	9	Sunbeam W'sey	22	..	..e	..	..
40	23¾	Sutcliffe S'man	39	..	3.1	8.0	5.3
113	49½	Swan Hunter	49½	-5½	8.4	17.3	1.3

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
38	17	TPT	34	..	4.2	12.4	4.3
690	400	Takeda Bdr	520	..	1.1	0.2	15.0
172	68	Tarmac Ltd	172	+3	12.3	7.1	8.5
263	106	Tate & Lyle	260	+1	16.3	6.3	6.1
63	30	Taylor Pallis	52	• ..	5.7	10.9	5.3
312	68	Taylor Woodrow	307	+2	7.3	2.4	12.4
43	13	Telefusion	27	..	1.5	5.5	8.4
42	11	Do A	26	..	1.5	5.7	8.1
124	45	Telephone Rent	95	• +1	6.7	6.9	10.7
57	19	Tesco	52	-½	1.9	3.6	15.7
50	6	Textured Jersey	12	..	..	..	..
43	18	Thermal Synd	31	..	3.6	11.7	3.6
235	37	Thomson Org	222	..	6.7	3.0	..
330	74	Thorn Electric	225	-3	8.5	4.0	9.8
321	74	Do A	215	-3	8.5	4.0	9.8
7½	4	Thurgar Bardex	4½	..	..e	..	..
240	85	Tilbury Cont	226	+10	23.5	10.4	4.8
52	19	Tilling T.	59	• ..	5.0b	6.3	9.5
35½	13½	Time Products	33½	+½	2.1b	5.9	3.7
49½	9	T'Hagbur Jute	10	..	..	..	..
245	110	Tobacco Sec Tst	223	+1	16.8b	7.5	17.9
990	470	Do Dfd	865	..	56.7	6.6	19.2
11	7½	Tomkins F. H.	11	..	1.1	10.0	4.3
40½	14½	Tootal	40½	+1½	3.1	7.7	9.1
35½	16	Toye	24	..	1.9	8.0	4.0
54	16	Tozer Kemsley	45	..	3.2	7.1	17.0
120	21½	Trafalgar H. Inv	93	+1	4.2	4.3	6.3
73	10	Trafford C'pets	14	..	2.5	17.9	..
56	13	Trans Paper	35	..	5.7	13.2	4.3
55½	20½	Transport Dev	54	..	4.1	7.6	9.9
47	9½	Tranwood Grp	13½	..	2.5	20.3	2.0
102	21	Travis & Arnold	97	+2	4.4	4.5	8.0
29½	10¼	Tricoville	28	..	1.6	6.9	4.9
81	9	Trident TV 'A'	27	+½	3.0	11.3	7.3
45	18	Triplex Found	45	+2	4.2	9.4	3.8
137	39	Trust Hse Forte	117	+3	11.3	9.7	24.1
306	123	Tube Invest	306	..	21.2	9.0	6.8
222	50	Tunnel Hldgs 'B'	182	-2	12.5	6.9	10.3
30	8	Turner Curzon	8	..	1.1	13.1	5.8
144	61	Turner Newall	143	+2	11.8	8.1	9.4
89	17	Turner Mfg	58	..	4.6	8.0	8.9
100	33	Turriff	62	..	5.3	8.5	19.1
76	20	UBM Grp	74	• +½	6.5	8.7	12.2
112	41	UDS Grp	88	..	7.4	8.4	9.4
108	34½	UK Optical	108	+5	6.5b	6.0	9.7
27	4	U U Textiles	4	..	1.1	27.5	1.5
68	30½	Unicorn Ind	61	• ..	6.4	10.4	7.3
63½	23½	Unigate	64	..	3.9	7.3	10.0
424	151	Unilever	424	+6	16.3	3.9	10.2
21½	9½	Do NV	£19⅞	+¼	76.3	4.0	11.1
104	55	Unitech	93	..	9.4	10.1	8.9
107	36½	Utd Biscuit	106	..	4.4	4.1	13.0
38	14	Utd City Merc	30	..	1.6	5.2	5.5
24	14	Utd Eng	23	..	2.6	11.1	9.1
45	6½	Utd Gas Ind	30	..	0.3	1.0	11.6
12½	4	Utd Ind	8¼	..	..	..	..
308	94	Utd News	235	..	17.2	7.3	5.1
64	13	Utd Scientific	61	..	4.0	6.5	13.5
17	6	Venesta	13	..	..e	..	..
290	120	Vereeniging Ref	270	..	76.4	28.3	8.5
29	11½	Vetco	£21¼	..	..	..	..
104	37	Vibroplant	92	..	13.2	14.3	6.9
102	64	Vickers	145	+2	11.7	8.1	6.1
42	9	Vita-Tex	20	..	3.4	16.9	6.1
108	39	Vosper	63	-1	5.8b	9.2	2.6
30	14	W Ribbons	26	..	2.9	11.1	4.6
29	14	WGI	32	+2	4.4	8.5	4.5
33	14	Wade Potteries	31	..	1.7	5.3	6.5
90	33	Wadkin	69	+2	6.8a	9.9	4.1
85	36	Wagon Ind	85	..	8.8	10.3	5.2
20½	8	Walker & Homer	17½	• +½	1.8	10.3	3.7
119	54	Walker C & W	85	..	4.3a	5.0	8.5
63	24	Walker J. Gold	44	..	2.7	6.2	5.1
55	20	Do NV	41	+1	2.7	6.6	4.7
127	17	Walmsley Bury	53½	h ..	..e	..	19.1
100	26	Ward & Gold	82	..	6.9	8.4	7.8
62	20½	Ward T. W.	58	+1	5.6	9.6	8.3
84	21	Waring & Gillow	73½	..	4.9	6.7	7.4
305¼	53	Warren J.	82	+5	..	..	..
43	13	Warrington T.	36	+1	4.2	10.5	7.6
43	14½	Waterford Glass	23	..	1.1b	4.8	8.8
72	27	Watson & Philip	62	+1	2.4	3.7	17.7
123	53	Watts Blake	100	..	3.7	3.7	8.0
40½	22¼	Wearwell	35	..	5.2	14.9	5.5
78	24	Weir Grp	75	-½	6.5b	8.8	18.6
32	13	Wellman Eng	31½	..	2.8	8.8	8.4
47	23	Westbrick Pds	39	..	3.8	9.7	8.6
56½	20¾	Westland Air	56½	+½	4.0b	7.1	0.1
71	19	Weston Pharm	39	..	3.3	8.3	7.9
328	56	Weyburn Eng	323	-2	9.5b	2.9	10.2
40	10	Wharf Mill	27	..	1.9	7.0	8.8
11½	4½	Whatlings	7¾	..	0.6	8.3	6.6
166	64½	W'sheaf Dist	159	-2	7.8b	4.9	13.7
60	19½	Wh'lock Mar	51½	+1½	..	..	..
131	38	Whessoe	68	..	..e	..	4.4
17	6¼	Wheway Watson	14	..	0.8b	5.9	4.7
65	30	White Child	40	..	4.2a	10.6	6.6
105	40	Whitecroft	105	..	7.8	7.1	5.4
51	27	Whiteley BSW	37	..	4.2	11.4	8.2
51	27	Whiteley BSW	37	..	4.2	11.4	6.2
63	30	Wholesale Fitt	65	..	6.6	10.2	5.1
250	40	Wigfall H.	174	..	8.1	3.5	4.0
22	7	Wiggins Constr	13½	..	1.9	15.4	9.8
110	17	Wilkins & Mit	42	-1	3.4	8.0	..
157	62	Wilkins'n Match	144	..	10.6	7.4	15.7
91	54	Do 10% Conv	£90	+3	1000	11.1	..
83	12½	Wms Hudson	20	+2	0.2	0.8	..
34	18	Wms J. Cardiff	23	..	2.6	11.3	3.4
48	30	Wills G. & Sons	42	..	1.9	4.7	3.9
42	26	Wilmot Breeden	33½	• +½	2.2	6.7	28.4
30	12	Wilson Bros	16	..	0.8	4.8	7.2
145	30	Wimpey G	141	+1	1.6	1.1	11.0
31	9	Winn Ind	21½	..	3.3b	15.1	8.6
140	70	Winsor Newton	132	..	10.1	7.7	9.4
40	15½	Witter T.	16	..	0.9	5.9	5.0
164	37	W'sley Hughes	109	+3	6.7	6.1	8.0
120	47	W'holm Bronze	119	..	9.9b	8.5	6.1
21½	12	Wombwell Fdry	18	..	1.5	8.3	4.3
15	10¼	Wood & Sons	13	..	0.8	5.9	7.6
78	35	Wood Bastow	52	..	5.3	10.2	5.5
40	12	Wood S. W.	32	..	4.9	15.3	4.1
21	8½	Wood W.	13½	..	..	..	..
97	25	Wood Hall Tst	93	..	6.1	6.5	6.0
94	43	Woodhead J.	86	+1	8.8	10.0	4.1
31	14¾	W'dh'se Rixon	31	..	3.0b	9.5	3.2
67½	24	Woolworth	66	-1	6.1	9.2	16.7
80	21	Worth Bond	41	..	5.0	12.2	4.0
56	13	Wrighton F.	23	..	1.5	6.9	9.3
32	20	Wyatt W Hldgs	30	..	3.9	13.0	6.9
163	79	Yarrow & Co	121	-6	5.9a	4.9	1.2
32	11	York Trailer	25	+1	2.6	10.3	7.1
136⅞	35¼	Youghal C'pts	73	..	7.5b	10.3	7.2
68	7	Young H. Hldgs	7	..	..	..	..
37	14	Zetters	30	..	1.5	7.3	4.0

INSURANCE

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
75	19	Bowring	75	..	3.2	4.4	..
103	33	Brentnall Beard	76	+4	4.7	6.1	8.6
164	38	Britannic	158	+4	10.8	6.8	..
159	68	Com Union	150	+1	10.4	6.7	..
146	44	Eagle Star	140	-1	7.7b	5.5	..
216	50	Equity & Law	190	+4	7.6	4.0	..
175	62	Gen Accident	160	• ..	8.5	5.3	..
220	94½	Guardian Royal	212	-1	11.9b	5.6	..
226	45	Hallford Shead	226	+5	8.5	3.8	14.1
270	75	Heath C. E.	268	-2	9.4	3.5	12.7
183	40	Hogg Robinson	183	+1	6.2	3.4	12.5
139	34	Howden A.	145	-2	3.7b	2.5	16.5
150½	56½	Legal & Gen	144	• +3	6.7b	4.7	..
125	35	Leslie & Godwin	109	+1	5.2	4.8	14.0
142	45	London & Man	132	+2	6.9	5.2	..
205	62	Matthews W'son	179	..	11.4	6.7	14.2
175½	34½	Minet Hldgs	117	r -1	3.6	3.1	20.6
234	51	Pearl	240	..	14.8	6.2	..
225	103	Phoenix	226	-2	12.7	5.6	..
150	60	Prov Life 'A'	130	..	10.2	7.9	..
139	60	Do A Br	130	..	10.2	7.9	..
123	60	Do B	125	..	10.2	8.2	..
123	60	Do B Br	125	..	10.2	8.2	..
141½	60	Prudential	136	..	7.8b	5.7	..
300	110	Refuge 'A'	238	+1	19.2	8.1	..
160	49	Do B	126	+2	9.6	7.6	..
328	136½	Royal	316	..	20.6b	6.5	..
273	93	Sedg. Forbes	273	+4	12.0b	4.4	21.2
121	33	Stenhouse	77	+1	4.8	6.2	9.0
433	207¾	Sun Alliance	433	+3	24.3	5.4	..
92	31	Sun Life	92	• +1	3.9	4.2	..
156	75	Trade Indem'ty	147	..	10.1	6.9	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
123	47	Aberdeen Trst	116	+3	5.2	4.4	34.6
33	14½	Acorn Secs 'Cap'	31	..	..	..	..
57	27	Do Inc	52	+1	8.5	16.3	8.9
200	86	Alliance Trust	191	+1½	8.1	4.2	33.0
47½	15	Amer Trust	37	+½	2.1	5.6	33.3
202	39	Ang-Amer Secs	94	+1	3.3	3.5	37.9
53	19½	Anglo Int Inv	33	..	4.0	12.1	13.5
66	18	Do Ass	86	..	..	..	..
48	15	Anglo Scot	38	..	2.1	5.4	28.6
109	43	Ashdown Inv	108	..	4.6b	4.3	34.0
76	19½	ABC Regional	32½	..	0.6	1.8	..
112	13	Atlantic Assets	36	+1	0.6	1.7	..
46	15	Atlas Electric	43½	+½	1.8	3.9	34.2
51	23	Bankers Inv	47	+1	2.9b	6.2	23.4
51½	16	Berry Trust	38½	+1½	0.9b	2.4	56.8
242	106	Border & Sthrn	226	• +4½	7.4	3.3	42.2
39½	16	Brit Am & Gen	34½	+1	1.9	5.4	25.0
62	18	Brit Assets Tst	48	-½	2.2	4.5	40.7
10½	4	Brit Emp Sec	8	..	0.8	9.6	13.3
149	63	Brit Invest	136½	• +1	5.2b	3.8	39.6
118½	45	Broadstone	118½	+3	4.8	4.0	34.2
68½	30	Brunner	68½	..	3.8	5.6	26.3
64½	27	Brycourt Inv	48	..	2.6	5.4	26.7
57	21	CLRP Inv	56½	..	2.2	3.8	32.7
133	58	Cable Trust	132½	+1½	6.6	4.9	23.3
230	76	Caledonia Inv	162	-6	9.7	6.0	20.1
67	26½	Caledonian Tst	63½	+1	2.0	3.1	50.8
63	24½	Do B	59	+1	..	..	..
33	5½	Cannon St	5½	f ..	2.0	35.6	..
96	42	Capital & Natl	95½	..	5.0	5.3	..
88½	41½	Do B	88½	..	..	..	..
140	57	Cardinal 'Dfd'	136½	..	6.5	6.2	..
110	47	Carliol Inv	109½	+2½	3.9	3.5	40.1
56	23	Cedar Inv	53	..	2.9	5.5	34.7
49	19	Charter Trust	49½	+½	2.3	5.0	28.2
67	26½	Clydesdale Inv	63	+1	2.1	3.3	45.0
63	25	Do B	58	+1	..	..	..
13	7½	Common Mkt	£9½	..	30.5	3.2	..
168½	39½	Cont & Ind	168½	+1½	6.9	4.1	36.3
24	12	Corporate Guar	14	f ..	..	..	..
62	26	Crossfriars	53	+1	3.7	7.0	17.4
33	14	Cumulus	20	..	1.1	5.4	66.7
85	35	Delta Inv	77½	..	..	..	..
140	75	Derby Tst 'Inc'	134	..	15.2	11.3	15.8
137	40	Do Cap	105	..	..	..	..
131	53	Drayton Com	113	+1	5.2	4.6	31.0
140	62	Drayton Cons	125	+1	5.3	4.1	34.3
192	86½	Do Premier	170	+2	7.7	4.5	30.4
49	19½	Dundee & Ldn	49	+1	2.6b	5.3	27.5
63	18	E & W Inv	53½	..	1.5	2.9	51.5
125½	49¾	Edin & Dundee	134½	+3	4.3b	3.3	..
196	79	Edinburgh Inv	177	..	7.5	4.2	34.7
82	27	Elec & Gen	60	+1	1.5	2.5	66.7
71½	27	Embankment	66	..	3.0	4.5	29.6
69	30	Eng & Caldon'n	64	..	3.2	5.0	28.1
86	35	Eng & Int	78	..	4.9	6.2	23.4
84	26	Eng & N York	64	+1	2.7	4.2	32.9
140	63	Eng & Scottish	117	..	5.0	4.3	31.2
129	63	Do B	107	..	0.3	0.2	..
270¾	98¾	Estate Duties	252	• +2	10.8b	4.3	33.2
206	185	Estates House	243	..	3.1b	1.3	..
93	29	First Scot Am	81	+2	3.4	4.2	35.2
148	58	Foreign & Colnl	134	..	3.7	2.8	47.0
116	29	Gt Japan Inv	97	+1	0.8	0.8	..
117½	41	Gen Funds 'Ord'	107½	-½	5.5	5.1	55.1
98	30	Do Conv	79½	..	..	..	..
90	34	Gen Inv & Tsts	84	• +1	4.3b	5.1	28.6
78	34	Gen Scottish	65	+2	4.0	6.2	23.6
80	30	Glendevon	72	+2	2.0	2.8	35.4
90	36	Globe Trust	87½	+½	4.2	4.7	26.9
65½	26	Grange Trust	57½	+1	2.3	3.9	36.3
91	35	Great Northern	87	+1	4.8	5.5	24.5
80	32	Greenfriar	62½	+1	1.4	2.3	67.2
105	33	Gresham Hse	32	• ..	4.6	14.4	..
64½	23	Guardian	63	..	2.7	4.3	34.4
94	40	Hambros 'A'	70	• +1½	6.5	9.3	39.4
82	31	Do B	64	..	..	..	..
36	1½	Hammerfest	2¾	+¼	..	..	11.0
147	35	Harcros	35	..	2.2	6.1	32.7
133	43	Hill P. Inv	133	• +¼	7.7	5.8	26.7
63	24½	Hume Hldgs 'A'	45	..	4.3	8.8	39.2
63	24	Do B	49	..	..	..	..
43	15¾	Indus & General	42	+½	1.8	4.2	31.6
59	26	Internatl Inv	56½	+½	2.8	4.9	28.9
114½	39½	Invest in Suc	93	..	3.2	3.4	40.8
173	45	Inv Tst Corp	173	..	7.0	4.0	34.4
68	33	Inv Cap Trst	68	+1½	1.8b	2.2	57.4
134	35	Jardine Japan	120	+2	0.8	0.8	..
122	63	Jersey Ext	105	..	..	..	..
63	33	Joseph L.	41½	..	1.8	4.3	30.1
63	26	Kellock Conv	28	..	..	..	..
78	31	Lake View Inv	73	• ..	2.3	3.2	45.0
37	18	Law Deb Corp	78	..	5.4	7.0	..
89	37	Ldn & Holyrood	85	-1	3.9b	4.6	33.3
130	62	Ldn & Montrose	142	..	6.2	4.3	37.9
90	37	Ldn & Prov Tst	85	-1	3.7	4.3	34.3
75	30	Ldn Elec & Gen	69	+2	3.5	5.0	24.0
88	45	Ldn Intercont	45	f ..	..	..	..
59¼	11	Ldn Merch Sec	29	..	1.0	3.6	..
58¼	15	Do Cap	29	..	..	..	..
47	19	Ldn Pru Invest	45	..	2.9	6.5	21.4
113	47	Ldn Scot Amer	113	+2	5.0	4.4	28.4
148	57¾	Ldn Trust	148	• +3	7.7b	5.2	27.8
19½	5	Menteith	9½	..	0.7	7.3	14.6
49	18	Mercantile Inv	34	..	2.5b	7.3	23.7
58½	24	Merchants Trust	54	..	2.6	4.9	28.0
45	16½	Monks Inv	43	..	1.7	3.8	38.4
73½	34	New Court Euro	51½	-½	2.8	5.5	14.2
23	5	New Throg 'Inc'	12½	..	2.4	19.8	7.5
104	13	Do Cap	38	..	..	..	..
92	36½	North Atlantic	83	+½	2.9	3.5	39.0
84	29	Northern Amer	63	+1½	3.4	4.1	37.2
89	33	Northern Sec	79	..	3.7	4.6	31.8
48	19	Oil & Associated	43	..	2.5	6.0	23.0
95	36	Pentland	93	+1	4.1	4.4	32.8
92½	70	Progressive Sec	84½	..	3.5	4.1	29.6
105	14	Prop Inv & Fin	38	..	..	..	..
110	42	Raeburn	109	..	4.6	4.2	27.4
146	49	River & Merc	146	..	9.2	6.3	..
116	48	River Plate	114	..	6.5	5.7	..
79	28	Romney Trust	76	..	3.2	4.3	34.2
434	237	Rothschild	315	+2	14.7	4.7	23.0
54	26	Safeguard	50	..	4.3	8.6	17.2
91	24½	Scot Amer	61½	+½	2.7	4.4	..
69	30½	Scot&Cont'l Inv	57	+1	1.5	2.7	39.9
51	14½	Scot & Merc 'A'	35	..	3.5	10.1	12.4
114	40	Scot Eastern	111	+1	4.5	4.0	34.2
93	37	Scot European	40½	..	1.7	4.2	32.4
91	30	Scot Invest	90	..	3.2	3.5	40.4
106	40	Scot Mortgage	98½	• +½	3.5	3.6	40.1
124	47½	Scot National	124	+1	4.2	3.4	42.0
94	35	Scot Northern	79½	+1	3.6	4.6	47.2
89½	36½	Scot United	76½	+1	2.2b	2.8	49.7
85	32	Scot Western	77	+1	2.5	3.3	41.0
81	30½	Do B	71	+1	..	..	..
168	68½	Sec Alliance	158½	+1½	6.6b	4.2	32.5
165	58	Sec Brit Ass	140	+1	2.3b	1.7	88.6
74	28	Sec Gt Northern	73	+3	2.3b	3.1	47.7
72	28	Do B	66	..	..	..	..
89½	33	Sec Scot Inv	83	+½	2.9	3.5	41.5
122	63	Standard Trust	115	..	6.1	5.3	23.6
142	58	Sterling Trust	137	..	5.9	4.3	33.0
79¼	31¼	Stockholders	78	..	2.1	2.7	48.4
85	30	T'rog Sec 'Cap'	53	-1	..	..	..
52	21	Throgmtn Trust	43	..	5.5	12.7	10.3
57	26	Triplevest 'Inc'	51½	-1½	5.8	11.2	14.3
150½	30	Do Cap	127	+3	..	..	..
110	42	Trustees Corp	110	..	4.5	4.1	31.9
108	48	Tyneside Inv	101	-2	3.9	3.8	40.7
212	88	Utd Brit Secs	202	..	9.9b	4.9	30.9
81	31½	Utd States Deb	81	..	3.7	4.6	30.2
153	59	Utd States Gen	152	..	6.1	4.0	30.5
129	26	Viking Res	55½	+½	0.9	1.4	76.3
36	28	Whinsparken	27	f ..	..	..	..
189	62	W'bottom Trust	153	..	5.1b	3.3	38.9
73	33	Witan Inv	72	..	2.3b	3.2	..
74	32	Do B	68	..	0.1	0.1	..
127	50	Yeoman Tst	122	..	7.3b	5.9	22.2
30	16	Yorks & Lancs	26	..	7.3b	36.3	18.2
51	20	Young Co Inv	47	..	4.0b	8.5	16.7

SHIPPING

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
232	82	Brit & Comm	196	..	11.6	5.9	9.1
95	60	Fisher J.	80	..	3.6	4.5	4.2
250	103	Furness Withy	222	+2	9.8	4.4	5.0
310	75	Hunting Gibson	128	• +2	13.9a	10.1	4.4
42½	11	Jacobs J. I.	14½	-¼	..e	..	4.3
68½	17	Ldn & O'seas Fr	36	+½	5.0	13.8	1.3
225	27	Manch Liners	225	..	7.7	3.4	6.2
133	50	Ocean Trans	133	+2	9.8a	7.3	13.5
134	67	P & O 'Dfd'	110	..	8.1	7.3	..
135	56	Runciman W	110	+1	9.5b	8.7	4.6

MINES

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
530	250	Amal Colls	470	..	23.1	4.9	..
538	245	Anglo Am Corp	357	-3	16.8	4.3	..
45½	20	Ang Am Gold	£32	..	169	5.3	..
34	13¾	Anglo Am Inv	£32½	..	192	6.9	..
18	6	Anglo Transvl	£14	..	61.2	4.4	..
18	6	Do A	114	..	61.2	4.4	..
166	77	Ayer Hitam	148	..	20.0	13.5	..
68	11	Beralt Tin	14	+1	..e	..	..
125	43	Bishopsgate Pl	95	+2	..	..	..
10⅝	5½	Blyvoors	£6⅝	..	63.5	9.5	..
260	44	Botswana RST	55	+1	..	..	..
380	162	Bracken Mines	208	..	34.6	16.6	..
234	126	BH South	165	..	..	..	..
22½	12¾	Buffelsfontein	£14¼	..	114	7.7	..
221	83	Charter Cons	173	-2	9.6	5.5	..
287	154	Cons Gold Fields	216	+1	10.3	4.8	..
40	5	Daggafontein	13	..	..	..	..
343	154	De Beers 'Dfd'	316	-4	16.5	5.2	..
14½	6⅛	Doornfontein	£8½	..	70.2	8.6	..
23	3½	Durban Rood	£3½	..	23.3	5.9	..
193	33	East Dagga	40	..	15.7	39.2	..
13⅜	5	E Driefontein	£8½	+¾	41.5	..	..
18	5	E Rand Cons	19	-1	1.4	7.5	..
21	5⅛	E. Rand Prop	£8½	+½	24.3	3.7	..
455	120	Elsburg Gold	225	..	26.6	..	..
17½	11	Ex-Lands	15	..	2.3	15.4	..
33¼	10½	F S Geduld	£22¾	..	210	9.6	..
435	200	Geduld Inv	310	..	23.0	7.4	..
300	133	Geevor Tin	153	..	18.5	12.1	..
18	14½	Gen Mining	£22	..	139b	6.1	..
18	9	Gold & Base	9	..	..	..	..
287	158	Gopeng Cons	186	• ..	18.5	10.0	..
65	23	Gt Boulder Gold	70	h ..	1.2	..	..
310	130	Grootvlei	150	+5	12.1	8.1	..
185	74	Hamersley	160	-5	..	..	..
167	50	Hampton Gold	85	+1	1.8	2.1	..
10½	4⅜	Harmony	£5⅛	..	51.8	9.1	..
31	15	Hartebeest	£18¼	+¾	137	7.3	..
37½	9	Jo'burg Cons	£24	..	110	4.6	..
820	305	Kinross	455	+5	36.0	7.9	..
19½	7⅛	Kloof	£7⅞	..	35.1	4.4	..
232	73	Leslie	75	+2	..	..	..
17½	6½	Libanon	£7⅝	+¼	70.2	9.7	..
196	100	Ldn Tin	153	• ..	10.8	7.0	..
200	73	Lydenburg Plat	113	+2	1.8	1.5	..
244	94	MIM Hldgs	209	-12	6.1	3.0	..
150	62	MTD (Mangula)	75	..	14.3	19.0	..
220	85	Malayan Tin	182	+1	15.5	8.5	..
710	165	Marievale Con	210	..	27.1	12.9	..
380	160	Messina Trans	300	..	19.8b	6.6	..
77	22	Metals Explor	34	..	..e	..	..
345	250	Middle Wits	360	..	18.0	4.7	..
315	136	Minorco	162	+2	4.6	3.5	..
467	182	Nthgate Explor	237	+3	20.5	8.5	..
44¼	21¼	Pahang Cons	35	-1	3.3b	8.5	..
480	145	Peko Wallsend	430	-20	..	..	..
267	100	Potgietersrust	180	+4	2.8a	1.6	..
28	12¾	Pres Brand	£19¾	..	168	8.5	..
22¾	11¼	Pres Steyn	£12	..	84.0	7.0	..
470	130	Rand Mine Prop	209	..	7.4	3.7	..
37	11	Randfontein	£18½	..	..	..	..
13¾	5¼	Rand Select	£7⅝	..	41.7	5.3	..
38	13	Rhodesian Corp	17	..	0.5	4.9	..
224	74	Rio Tinto Zinc	183	-2	8.5b	4.6	..
440	200	Roan Cons 'B'	200	-5	..	..	..
39½	14	St Helena	£24	..	166	6.9	..
690	235	Selection Tst	515	-5	20.9	4.1	..
450	178	Sentrust	240	..	19.0	7.9	..
80	27	Silvermines	49	..	2.4	4.9	..
13¼	3⅞	SA Coal	£9¾	f ..	21.8	2.5	..
11½	3	SA Land	£7⅝	..	..	..	..
13¼	4¾	Southvaal	£7⅝	..	56	..	..
178	67	Sthn Malayan	140	..	15.5	11.0	..
91	40	Sungei Besi	49	..	..	..	..
230	90	Tang Cons	157	-1	14.6	9.3	..
86	28	Tanjong Tin	50	..	6.7	13.4	..
310	220	Tharsis Sulph	300	..	..	..	..
15¾	5	Transvaal Cons	£12	..	38.1	3.0	..
94	41	Tronoh Mines	64	+1	6.6	10.3	..
470	220	UC Invest	290	..	23.0	7.9	..
375	253	Union Corp	425	..	23.2	5.5	..
253	83	Union Plat	160	+2	2.8	1.8	..
34½	15½	Vaal Reefs	£29¾	..	..	..	..
11¾	2½	Venterspost	£3¾	..	44.7	11.7	..
23	7½	Vereen Est	£22¾	+½	70.6	3.2	..
53½	23	Wankie Colliery	37	..	3.3	8.8	..
247	83	Waterval Plat	160	..	3.0	1.8	..
650	240	Welkom	315	-5	36.5	..	..
54¾	23¾	W Driefontein	£39½	..	310	7.8	..
670	150	W Rand Cons	155	..	6.3	4.1	..
745	280	Western Areas	345	+5	45.0	13.3	..
22¾	10¼	Western Deep	£16¾	..	..	..	..
39⅜	19	Western Hldgs	£37¾	..	318	21.4	..
213	76	Western Mining	143	-14	3.9	2.6	..
13⅛	5¾	Winkelhaak	£9⅛	-⅛	71.9	8.7	..
70	32	Zambia Copper	39	..	..	..	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
188	150	Akroyd & Sm	188	+5	19.2	10.2	..
77	12	Ang-Cont Inv	40	-1	..	..	10.8
205	38	Assam Trdng 'B'	235	..	2.6	0.8	..
39	11	Boustead	22	..	3.7	7.6	7.0
75	6	Brit Debt Serv	12	..	..	..	..
119	40	BET Dfd	83	..	6.5	7.9	10.3
177	97	Challenge Corp	144	+2	7.0	4.9	17.8
37½	9	Chancery Cons	24	• ..	0.7	3.1	9.9
72	5	Charterhse Grp	49	..	4.7	9.6	8.6
53	19	C Fin de Suez	£46¼	..	..	..	..
270	92	Daily Mail Tst	182	..	14.7	8.1	12.6
267	80	Do A	182	..	14.7	8.1	12.6
285	89	Dalgety	213	-6	12.5	5.9	78.9
65	8	Dawnay Day	19	• -½	0.8	4.1	..
24	4	Edin Ind Hldgs	18	..	..	..	..
98	23	FC Finance	27	..	..e	..	..
48	11	Goode D & M Grp	22	..	1.3	5.6	7.5
63	20	[illegible] 'A'	50	h -2	3.0b	4.0	18.6
437	153	Inchcape	360	+10	10.7	3.0	11.4
25	14	Investment Co	15	..	1.3	7.9	16.3
64	11	Jessel Secs	11	f ..	5.3	47.7	2.3
43	6	Do Dfd	6	f ..	..	..	..
27	13	Kwahu Co	17	..	2.3a	13.6	6.8
80	24	Lloyds & Scot	72	-1	4.6	6.4	14.6
78	18	Ldn & Euro Grp	48½	..	2.4	4.9	..
130½	34	Ldn Amer & Gen	18	h ..	..	..	8.2
87	31½	Ldn Utd Inv	37	..	5.3b	9.2	11.9
80	20	Manson Fin	37	..	5.2	10.1	8.4
43	20	Martin R. P.	58	..	9.1	15.8	8.5
14½	14½	Moorgate Merc	14½	f ..	1.4	9.3	6.9
27	13	NMC Invest	19	..	2.0	10.5	12.2
134	27	Prov Fin Grp	78	..	6.1b	8.1	9.4
124	42	Sime Darby	96	..	2.0	2.1	21.8
53	10	Smith Bros	33	..	6.2	11.6	7.3
10¼	6	Tyndall O'seas	£7⅞	..	48.4	6.6	..
84	18	Utd Dom Tst	16	..	..	..	..
35	2	Vavasseur	4½	..	..b	..	..
75	9	Wagon Fin	29	..	2.3e	8.3	20.9
36	17	Western Sel.	37	..	1.8	5.3	6.5
48	19	Yule Catto	38	..	1.7	4.7	14.6

OIL

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
39½	33½	Ampol Pet	45	-1	2.9	6.4	12.1
91	53	Attock	55	..	6.3	11.4	6.6
151	30	Berry Wiggins	69	+1	3.0b	4.2	17.9
180	66	Brit Borneo	134	+2	7.8	5.9	17.7
595	191	BP	566	+1	26.5	4.5	4.3
498	27	Burmah Oil	33	-1	..e	..	..
39	11½	C F Petroles	£21	..	102	4.8	3.1
108	33	Oil Exploration	58	..	2.5b	4.3	..
10¼	7	Premier Cons	9	..	..	..	..
30¾	8	Ranger Oil	£9¼	-⅛	..	..	..
3¾	2¼	Reynolds Dtv	3¼	..	..	..	..
31	14¾	Royal Dutch	£28¾	..	147	5.1	5.1
384	119	Shell	352	..	19.7	5.1	4.8
129½	13½	Tricentrol	44	..	..e	..	12.8
240	66	Ultramar	214	+2	..	..	4.8

PROPERTY

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
73	24	Allied Ldn	34	..	3.5	10.2	8.2
130	56	Allnatt Ldn	122	-2	4.0	4.0	25.7
84	18	Amal Inv	19½	..	..	..	..
111	38	Apex Props	91	..	2.5a	2.8	18.2
24	7	Aquis Secs	15½	..	0.8	5.4	26.6
62	15	Argyle Secs	43	..	..	..	28.2
97	37	Artagen Props	67½	..	2.4	3.5	24.5
77	25	Beaumont Prop	50	..	4.0	8.0	15.2
67	22	Bellway Hldgs	47	..	3.5	7.5	8.7
213	50	Berkeley Hmbro	82	• ..	5.0	4.0	19.5
148	50	Bilton Percy	134	• ..	6.2b	4.6	18.3
144	48	Do Accum	130	• ..	6.2b	4.8	..
118	56	Bradford Prop	116	• +4	8.2	7.1	6.2
48½	2	Brit Anzani	11	-½	..	..	..
121	8½	British Land	19½	+½	..e	..	..
93½	29¼	Brixton Estate	75	+1	2.6	3.4	29.4
91	11½	Cap & Counties	12½	-½	0.6b	0.2	9.4
92	12	Centrovincial	36	..	..	..	..
91	12	Do Cap	35	..	..	..	..
203	66	Chesterfield	114	..	4.6b	4.0	20.2
76	10	Chown Secs	13	-½	..e	..	..
208	48	Churchbury Est	135	..	5.3	4.0	30.8
58½	29	City Offices	39	-2	2.1	5.4	22.9
53	9½	Country & New T	14½	-½	1.0	6.9	10.6
28	14	County & Dist	19	..	0.2	0.8	..
110	14	Daejan Hldgs	43	+1	4.6	10.6	28.9
111½	17	Eng Prop	42	-1	3.5b	8.4	23.3
33	10	Estates & Gen	15	..	..	..	..
95	22	Estates Prop	43	+½	3.6	8.3	17.3
55	15	Evans of Leeds	46	..	8.0	6.5	12.8
86	6	Forum	6½	..	0.4	1.7	53.7
30½	5	Fraternal Est	7	-½	..	..	..
280	85	Glanfield Secs	153	..	17.2	11.2	2.6
240	97	Gt Portland	217	..	5.0	2.3	52.9
42	12	Green R.	17½	..	2.0	11.4	22.2
56	20	Guildhall	54	+1	3.3b	6.2	16.8
470	125	Hammerson	325	..	7.0	2.1	42.3
470	125	Do A	325	..	7.0	2.1	42.3
258	78	Haslemere Ests	183	+1	4.1a	2.2	27.1
74	23½	Intereuropean	33½	..	3.1	9.2	..
90	18	IPH	18	-½	..	..	..
134	18	Land & House	66	..	5.6	8.5	9.9
185	60½	Land Secs	169	..	6.7	3.9	30.8
101¼	35	Law Land	63½	+½	3.6b	5.7	30.6
112	28	Ldn & Prov Sh	57	..	1.4	2.4	37.3
34	5¼	Ldn City & Westf	16¾	..	0.1e	0.5	..
68	25	Ldn Shop	47	..	4.6	9.7	28.1
110	37	Lynton Hldgs	60	..	2.9b	4.9	36.5
108	56	MEPC	79	-1	..e	..	38.6
29½	14	Marler Estates	14	..	..	..	..
108	27	Maybrook	28	+1	3.4	12.2	11.8
44	11	Midhurst Whites	11	..	..	..	..
135	100	Municipal	100	..	5.8	5.8	6.0
280	88	New London	245	h ..	7.4	3.0	34.6
85	16½	Peachey Prop.	24	..	0.4e	1.6	14.1
200	76	Prop & Rever	173	+3	6.0	3.5	31.8
195	76	Do A	170	+3	6.0	3.5	33.3
240	90	Prop Hldgs	190	+2	7.5	4.0	35.3
83¼	19	Prop Sec	40	..	2.3	5.8	..
23¾	3¾	Raglan Prop	3¼	-¼	..e	..	81.3
110	33	Regional	42	..	1.5	3.6	34.0
104	26	Do A	37½	-½	1.5	4.1	30.5
68	13½	Samuel Props	31½	..	..e	..	8.9
93	31¼	Scot Met Props	84	-½	2.9b	3.5	33.6
97½	28	Slough Ests	70	-1	2.9	3.7	31.3
185	32	Stock Conv	148	..	2.3a	1.6	31.0
434	67	Sunley B.	148	..	5.9	4.0	..
59	8	Town & City	14	..	0.0	0.1	..
84	9	Town & Com	10½	..	0.2	1.9	..
85	27	Trafford Park	54	+1	4.6	8.4	10.1
43½	6	UK Props	9	..	..	..	..
23	7½	Webb J.	13½	..	1.3a	7.9	14.0
84	10	W'mster & Cty	14	+1	..	..	..
102	10	Wingate Inv	35	• +½	0.0	0.1	..
18¼	2½	Woodmill	3	..	..	..	..

RUBBER

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
43	26	Anglo-Indonesia	36½	..	3.9	10.5	..
75	45	Bradwall FMS	63	..	3.1	4.9	..
113	37	Castlefield	71	..	3.0	4.3	..
37½	16	Chersonese	21	-1	1.6	7.6	..
66	25	Cons Plant	57	+½	5.0	8.8	..
34	9½	Doranakande	24	..	1.4	26.1	..
73	36	Gadek	55	-1	2.8	5.1	..
58	28	Golden Hope	44	• +½	2.8	6.8	..
9½	4½	Grand Central	7	..	0.8	10.7	..
345¼	106¾	Guthrie Corp	170	+3	16.9	10.0	..
57½	24	Highlds & Low	40½	..	2.5	6.0	..
100	45	Hongkong	50	..	..	22.0	..
150	85	Killinghall	69	..	6.5	9.6	..
33½	15½	Kulim Malaysia	29	+1	3.1	7.2	..
57½	26	Ldn Asiatic	44	+½	3.2	7.3	..
39½	20	Ldn Sumatra	26	..	1.7	6.5	..
27½	16½	Majedie	20	-1	0.8	4.0	..
14½	9½	Malayalam	..	..	..	..	..
91	39	Muar River	39	-1	2.2	5.6	..
53	26	Pataling	41	+½	3.3	8.0	..
50	28½	Plant Hldgs	23	..	2.5	4.7	..
14	7	Sungei Krian	£8	..	46.5	5.8	..

TEA

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
102	50	Assam Frontier	102	+1	11.0	10.8	..
54	28	Assam Inv	45	+1	4.6	10.3	..
54	27	Camellia Inv	52	..	2.2	4.3	..
58	30	Clairmaco	46	..	9.2	20.1	..
32	12	Deundi	18	..	..	..	..
130	130	Doolahat	130	f ..	5.0	3.8	..
124	65	Jokai	124	..	11.0	8.9	..
150	48	McLeod Russel	150	..	9.2b	6.2	..
103	80	Moran	103	• ..	8.9e	8.6	..
31	23	Ouvah Highlds	29	+2	2.3	7.6	..
40¼	19½	Peacock Sanasi	28	..	4.2	15.1	..
38	18	Sthn India	28	..	..	..	..
25	14	Surmah Valley	16	..	..	..	..
100	58	Warren Tea	71	+1	9.1	12.8	..
52	30	Western Dooars	38	..	6.6	17.3	..
80	56	Williamsn Hldgs	64	..	6.9	10.8	..

MISCELLANEOUS

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
12¾	6⅞	Algoma Cen Rly	£10⅛	-⅛	26.0	2.5	16.6
20	5	Antofagasta	£11	..	..	..	..
45	12	Calcutta Elec	20	..	9.0	45.0	..
50	34	E Surrey W 7%	£44½	..	700	15.7	..
35½	25½	Essex Wtr 5%	£33	..	500	15.6	..
202	45	Felixstowe Dock	124	h ..	10.0	8.1	12.8
378	118¼	Imp Cont Gas	378	+3	12.3b	3.2	24.4
430	110	LET Hldgs	118	h ..	3.1	2.7	..
132	36	Mid Kent Wtr	£32	..	500	15.6	..
..	..	Milford Docks	69	..	..	..	11.1
163	58	Nigerian Elec	147	-1	13.0a	10.2	..
417	230	Perak Rvr Hydro	410	-2	26.2	6.6	20.8
35½	26	Sunderlnd Wtr	£31	..	500	16.1	..

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 12.11.75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1960):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield	Earnings Yield	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	158.44	6.25	11.51	154.76
Largest Coys.	154.62	6.06	11.64	153.79
Smaller Coys.	158.09	6.84	11.09	157.66
Capital Goods	157.70	6.72	11.47	156.94
Consumer Goods	176.44	6.14	10.70	176.01
Store Shares	137.43	6.46	7.66	137.33
Largest financial shares	193.08	5.24	—	192.46
Largest financial and industrial shares	161.94	5.90	—	161.18
Commodity shares	236.43	4.18	12.81	232.10
Gold Mining shares	493.94	6.65	10.04	494.43
Industrial debenture stocks	77.00	8.05*	—	76.91
Industrial preference stocks	51.67	14.15*	—	51.49
3½% War Loan	23⅞	14.71*	—	23⅞

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	193.47 (15.05.72)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1975	158.44 (12.11.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	60.18 (13.12.74)
1973	189.33 (12.01.73)	120.90 (14.12.73)
1972	193.47 (15.05.72)	174.48 (16.01.72)
1971	174.77 (31.12.71)	112.23 (03.02.71)
1970	145.28 (14.01.70)	110.75 (26.05.70)

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ch what he thought. stood. Mr Varley lking the delegation. issued a notice to 1,000 employees as d work last night. ned them that the State for Industry d to exclude the company from the nationalization list. The receiver's statement said this meant that negotiations could go ahead for the sale of the various constituent companies of the group to private interests.

Studies commissioned by Sir Ian Stewart, the Scottish industrialist, on the Selby shipyard and repair facilities at Hull had been completed and negotiations were expected to start at any time.

Mr Smith—who in his report on the financial prospects for the group earlier this year stated that in its present form it lacked any commercial logic—told the workers in his statement that considerable interest was also being shown in other units of the group.

But it appears that in a later statement which the Industry Department was to issue after the meeting with the delegation from Humberside, Mr Varley *indicated that a number of* offers to buy the yards in the group were being studied but he was "not willing to give an undertaking that the company would be included in the nationalization plan".

This statement was entirely *different from the one on which* Mr Smith had been working and which had led to his issuing the notice to the company's employees. Last night the Department of Industry, in an attempt to retrieve the situation and preserve some vestige of credibility in its handling of the affair, declared that the Smith statement had been issued without consultation with the department.

A spokesman explained: "One option that has been considered which would hold out good prospects of providing long-term employment in the yards is to remove Drypool from the scope of the Shipbuilding and Aircraft Nationalization Bill, leaving the receiver free to dispose of the facilities to potential purchasers."

The spokesman continued: "But it is not true that a final decision has been taken to adopt this course."

The Humberside County Council, which was represented at yesterday's talks, is pressing the department to form a new company to acquire Drypool's assets from Mr Smith and hold them until the nationalization plan is realized.

Last night, a bemused Mr Smith said: "I think the comment that I must make is that clearly there was some misunderstanding as to the intention of the Secretary of State. No doubt the representations to him by the deputation are being considered by him before a final decision is taken."

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likely outcome of this first summit meeting between the miners and the Energy Secretary is a commitment to regular discussions covering not only the Department of Energy and the coal producers' interests but also consumers, particularly the Central Electricity Generating Board. Mr Benn promised to write to the union about their arguments in favour of modern coal-consuming power stations.

In a policy paper presented to the Minister, the NUM stressed the "crucial importance" of ensuring an adequate coal-burning capacity at power stations that could generate electricity at a level of efficiency matching that of the new oil-fired stations coming into operation over the next few years.

The main objective of the industry had to be the construction of coal-fired generating capacity. "Otherwise it is inevitable that there will be a rundown in power station coal consumption in the mid-1980s." And to get coal-fired power stations operative by then, building had to be started within the next three or four years.

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The problem was that, particularly where Middle East contracts were concerned, it was invariably a condition that there should be one totally-responsible lead contractor. But because of the *escalating* value of these projects caused by inflation, our major companies, although prepared to accept their own share of the risk, would not enter into "joint and several" undertakings.

Yet there was, said Lord Ryder, enormous good will towards Britain in these countries and it was essential for our economy and employment *prospects that we obtain* these contracts.

Sainsbury pre-tax profits fall by 23.7 pc

By Our Financial Staff

J. Sainsbury, the supermarket chain, yesterday reported a 23.7 per cent fall in interim pre-tax profits from £7.52m to £5.74m.

The figures disappointed an otherwise firm stock market, although it had been expecting poor results and the shares ended the day 2p down at 148p.

Sainsbury, which saw margins drop a full point to 2.1 per cent in the first half, is predicting a significant improvement in profits in the current six months.

Sainsbury was not the only disappointment. General Accident, the first of the big composite insurance groups to present its third quarter results, reported pre-tax profits more than halved from £24.6m to £10.2m for the first nine months.

Underwriting losses at GA so far this year have risen to £20.4m against £500,000 last year, although investment income showed a 21 per cent increase to £30.6m.

However, the market was relieved that the figures were not accompanied by a rights issue and the shares remained unchanged on the day at 160p.

Unilever added some sparkle by exceeding its own and market forecasts with a 38 per cent rise in third quarter pre-tax profits from £79.2m to £108.9m. But figures for the first nine months, at £205.6m, are well below last year's £269.7m, and while Unilever is forecasting a good final quarter it says profits for the full year will not match those of last year. The shares gained 6p to 424p.

Meanwhile, shares in Spillers were marked down in early trading with the announcement of a £12.4m rights issue, but a late rally left the shares unchanged at 47½p. The issue is two shares for every seven at 38p.

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Hambros sells consortium bank holding

By Christopher Wilkins

Hambros Bank has sold its 10 per cent shareholding in Western American Bank (Europe), the London-based consortium bank which had to be supported by its shareholder banks last year.

The stake has been sold in equal proportions to the four *other shareholder banks*, Bank of Tokyo, Security Pacific National Bank, Wells Fargo and National Bank of Detroit. The price paid is not being disclosed.

Mr Jocelyn Hambro, chairman of Hambros, will resign from the chairmanship of WAB at the end of the present financial year. Mr Frederick Larkin, chairman of Security Pacific, will take over. WAB has now completed the programme of *extensive reorganization* which followed its crisis last year. During 1974 the bank contracted to almost a fifth of its size at the previous year end.

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Chrysler crisis may strengthen case for import restrictions on cars

By David Blake

Fears that foreign car makers, particularly from Japan, might step in to take over the Chrysler dealer network if the company closes its manufacturing operations in the United Kingdom may play a part in a future government decision on import controls.

The problem posed to British Leyland by the risk that Japanese manufacturers might sign up dealers currently with Chrysler in the next few months is thought to be worrying some senior people at Leyland, in which the Government now has a 90 per cent shareholding.

Although these fears are not universally shared in government itself, the risk is thought to have strengthened the hand of those who favour including cars in the list of products to be covered if import restrictions are introduced, as seems increasingly possible in the light of the statement by Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor, on Tuesday night to back-bench Labour MPs. Colour television tubes and domestic appliances are also being considered for possible action.

Officials in Whitehall yesterday indicated that it was unlikely that any announcement on import restrictions would be made this week, but there has clearly been close study of the problem. It seems that restricting any action to improvement of anti-dumping procedures would not go far enough to meet the demands of supporters of import controls.

A more likely approach would seem to be the use of the Special provisions of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) to deal with problems caused to a specific industry by a sharp rise in imports. Article 19 permits action in this case, and it is believed that this could take the form either of tariffs or physical restrictions.

Any restrictions would probably be only for a strictly limited period, since the Government's policy is that action should only be taken to protect those industries which have a future once the present short-term crisis is over.

Even with a limit on the duration of restrictions, there would still be a problem caused by the right of other Gatt countries to demand compensation for the damage suffered by their industries. If this cannot be agreed, the other nations would have the right to retaliate by imposing restrictions on British exports, though in international trade circles there seems to be a feeling that there would be great reluctance to do this.

It has also become clear that any restrictions would be directed just as much against European producers as against Japanese manufacturers. In the case of cars, for example, European makers have a much larger share of the market than the Japanese companies have. In another industry which is receiving serious consideration, domestic electrical appliances, *the great majority of imported refrigerators and washing* machines come from Italy, an EEC member.

Action against other Community countries would probably involve invoking Article 135 of the Treaty of Accession under which the United Kingdom joined the EEC. It allows import restrictions to protect individual industries. The other possibility would be to invoke Article 109 of the Treaty of Rome, which is designed to deal with balance of payments problems and is thus probably too general.

Richard Hornsby writes from Luxembourg: EEC governments were given a warning that if they succumbed to the "protectionist soft option", it might become impossible to persuade the United States to resist the pressures in that country for restrictive action against imports from the EEC worth more than $3,000m (about £1,500m).

The warning came from Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, EEC Commissioner responsible for external relations, in answer to questions raised in a debate in the European Parliament here on *protectionist trends in America*.

David Cross writes from Brussels: South Korean exports of synthetic yarns to Britain and France are being curbed under a new series of measures announced in Brussels to protect the EEC's ailing textile industry.

Sales in Britain stay steady despite threat

By Edward Townsend

Chrysler UK, whose future operations are still shrouded in uncertainty, sold almost 1,900 British-built cars in the first 10 days of this month and managed to hold on to its 6.5 *per cent share of the market.*

A large proportion of Chrysler's registrations in the 10-day period would have resulted from sales made by *dealers before the full extent of* the company's deep financial problems became apparent. But the figures do indicate that sales have remained steady.

In September, sales of the Avenger, Hunter, Imp and Sunbeam models totalled 4,969 with the company's market penetration slumping to 4.3 per cent. Last month, its share was boosted to 6.45 per cent.

Chrysler was pinning its hopes on achieving a big sales boost later this year with the introduction on the British *market of the new and much* heralded Chrysler Alpine, being built by its sister company in France.

Yesterday, Chrysler France announced that the initial success of the new car, sold elsewhere in Europe as the 1307 and 1308 range, had allowed it to plan for an increase in production from the present 600 a day to 800 on December 1 and rising to 950 a day by April next year.

A spokesman for the French *company, which owns the Simca* name and, unlike its United Kingdom counterpart, has been self-sufficient, said the output boost reflected strong domestic demand for the car. The range was launched on August 27, and there is a waiting list in France of several months.

Chrysler France described as "probably unfounded" reports that it was studying expansion of assembly lines to cope with the impact of a possible closure of Chrysler's British plants. The *new car, it was said, did not use* any British parts and was not intended to be manufactured in Britain.

Hope of lending rate cut spurs sale of gilts

By Melvyn Westlake

Carried along by speculation about a drop in interest rates, the Government sold a further large volume of bonds yesterday, raising the possibility that a second "tap" stock could be exhausted this week.

The City is now convinced that the minimum lending rate, the keystone in the national interest rate structure, will be reduced by a ½ percentage point to 11½ per cent tomorrow. The more optimistic dealers in City markets even expect further falls in the MLR before Christmas.

The Government Broker has taken full opportunity of this *growing expectation, and may,* according to some brokers, have sold as much as £400m of *Treasury stock in the past few* days.

This will be more than welcome to the Treasury, which has a huge government borrowing requirement to finance this year. Only last Monday, the short-dated "tap" stock (a stock fed to the market from the Government Broker's portfolio) was exhausted.

It now seems possible that the medium-term "tap" stock, Treasury 11½ per cent, 1981, which has been on offer only since early October, will also be fully exhausted. These two stocks would represent combined sales of £1,000m.

Any cut in the lending rate this week, would come only six weeks after it was raised by a full percentage point to 12 per cent. At the time, government officials said the move was made for internal reasons, particularly to limit the build up of bank deposits and contain the growth in the money supply. However, firm United States interest rates and the need to defend the pound were thought to be more important motives in some City quarters.

Since then United States interest rates have weakened markedly

State oil body goes into business today

By Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent

Negotiations aimed at giving the Government a 51 per cent controlling interest in 10 North Sea oilfields enter a new phase this week. Today British National Oil Corporation comes into being and Lord Kearton its chairman, will assume a big role in the protracted talks with the *oil companies on participation.*

The crucial factor, expected to revitalize the participation talks, is the granting of the Royal Assent to the Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Bill which provides a legal basis for BNOC and government policy for controlling the development of offshore oil and gas.

Seven companies that have *agreed to the principle of a* partnership with BNOC will come under pressure to conclude a detailed agreement while the companies, including all the American multinationals, that have quietly stood back from committing themselves to participation, will be pressed into serious negotiations.

Mr Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for Energy, said yesterday that suggestions of soft pedalling participation were unfounded. The Government would pursue the objective of a 51 per cent holding. Negotiations to achieve this were "entering a new phase".

British Petroleum and Burmah Oil were among the seven companies plus five other smaller groups which had conceded the principle of participation. On its side, the Government has told these companies that they will "neither lose nor gain" from taking BNOC as a partner.

According to European Commission officials, *imports of* synthetic yarn have risen substantially in recent months to reach one-third of total domestic production in Britain and France.

Receiver puts Norton deficiency at £3.87m

A total deficiency of £3,870,182 was revealed yesterday at the first meeting of creditors and shareholders of Norton Villiers, the Wolverhampton motor cycle company.

More than 200 people—many of them former employees—attended the meeting at Central Hall, Westminster.

Referring to the workers' occupation of the company's factory at Marston Road, Wolverhampton, Mr J. B. Clemetson, the Senior Official Receiver, said neither his staff nor the directors had been able to get access to the company's books of account and computer records. As a result he could not guarantee the accuracy of any figures he gave.

A resolution was passed for the appointment of Mr Kenneth Morgan, a Cardiff chartered accountant, as liquidator. Mr Geoffrey Byng, QC, who has been acting for the dismissed workers, said yesterday they had wanted Mr Morgan to run the liquidation.

Mr Byng said he held the proxy votes of 825 creditors for a total of £486,136. About 780 of them were former employees.

In his prepared statement, Mr Clemetson said the present issued capital of Norton Villiers was £2,045,979. Profits were earned in 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960 and 1964, but heavy losses were sustained in 1961, 1962 and 1963.

Mr Clemetson said that, according to the company's executive chairman, a profitable organization was built up in the early 1970s.

Then BSA ran into difficulties and a new company was formed, with government aid, to acquire the BSA business. From 1973 onwards Norton Villiers also had severe problems, and a weakening of the company's American market, Japanese competition and the short working week increased the difficulties.

The company suffered heavy losses and its resources came under severe pressure, which became unsupportable when its Export Guarantee Credit of £4m was withdrawn. On August 1 the company presented its own petition, and was wound up on October 13.

According to a draft statement of affairs prepared by the directors, the company's assets not specifically pledged totalled £2,929,016. Pledged assets came to £750,000 and would be entirely absorbed by the charges on them.

Debts comprised £717,091 due to preferential creditors, £442,726 to debenture holders and £3,512,741 to unsecured creditors. In addition there was a contingent liability of £1,653,638 in respect of bank overdrafts of other companies in the group.

The directors had shown that the last figure was not *expected to be claimed against* Norton Villiers, but if that proved to be a liability it would change the company's financial position considerably, Mr Clemetson said.

Another debt included in the statement was arrears of preference dividends totalling £80,658.

Limit on nations at economic summit

Senior officials of the six nations who will attend this weekend's economic summit at Rambouillet in France, are believed to have decided in London yesterday to limit attendance at the summit meeting.

Leaders of France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States will be present but not Canada, as some countries had wanted.

The chief theme will be the *world economy and prospects* for its recovery. Dr Henry Kissinger, United States Secretary of State, has put forward proposals for discussion which would involve regular meetings of economic ministers to monitor progress in getting the western industrialized economies on the move again.

Such action, Dr Kissinger argued, would form part of an international commitment to expand trade. This pledge on joint action together with promises about the future of the multilateral trade negotiations in Geneva, is seen by the United States as the set piece of a summit meeting whose purpose is clearly to restore confidence that political leaders in the west are doing something to deal with the present recession, the deepest in post-war history.

As well as *common action to* further free trade, which will almost certainly mean that many present at the summit will be extremely anxious to hear of British plans for possible import restrictions, Dr Kissinger said that the United States would also seek joint action on food, energy and the financial position of raw material exporters.

Charles Hargrove writes: The summit should not be confined to discussion of world monetary problems, President Giscard d'Estaing declares in an interview to *Le Figaro* yesterday.

He hoped it would lead to a stocktaking by the heads of leading industrial countries of their political and economic responsibilities in the face of the world crisis and to an "exchange of views on possible lines of action, from the monetary standpoint, and from other standpoints".

He obviously does not expect the meeting to come up with any ready-made answer on the reform of the world monetary system.

There had, he said, been no effort by those leaders to pool their ideas on the gravest crisis in western economies since the war, only more or less satisfactory studies by experts.

The President emphasized that he did not believe the United States would be prepared to defend a given parity of the dollar, and it was not his intention to ask them to do so.

President Giscard expected something more to come out of the Paris energy conference in December than a mere establishing of contact between oil producers and consumers.

The conference would offer a possibility of dealing with the substance of certain problems such as the relation between the price of energy and the return to a certain degree of monetary stability; the guarantee of income to primary producers; and the updating of the system of aid to developing countries.

A solution would certainly be found. The question was what its scope would be.

Inquiry chief for PO is named

Mr Charles Carter, Vice-Chancellor of Lancaster University, who has been asked to head a committee to review the Post Office. He will study the performance and main features of the Post Office and its use of resources and assets.

Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, said yesterday it would also "consider ter enable it to perform its functions under the Post Office Act, 1969". It would assess the policies, prospects and social significance of the postal business "including methods of financing it as a self-supporting public service".

Slow start for fuel-saving loans

A £3m loan fund set up 12 months ago to help industry invest in *new energy-saving* equipment has met with a slow response. Companies have been sluggish in asking for aid and so far applications involving only £500,000 have been made to the Department of Energy, which blames the scheme's unspectacular beginning on industry's disinclination to invest. The first loan is not expected to be cleared before the end of this month. They carry interest rates of around 13 per cent.

CBI to press for percentage pay rise system

Employers are to tell the Government that the next stage of pay control should be on a percentage rather than a flat rate basis.

In discussions with ministers and senior civil servants over the next few months Confederation of British Industry officials will press for a change next autumn so industry is not faced with problems of differentials when the clamps are finally taken off pay.

A percentage increase was the preferred solution of the CBI during talks which preceded the imposition of the stage one rules. Industrialists will insist that to keep to a flat rate would further erode differentials and build up resentments.

CBI negotiators are also seeking changes in the price control rules. They would prefer abolition but would probably settle for a new system of control which did not depend so vitally on unit costs.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 155.44 +0.68
The FT index: 371.8 +1.6

Rises

Adwest Group	6p to 138p	Inchcape	10p to 360p
Attwood Grge	21p to 151p	Johnson-Rchd	8p to 160p
Baird, W.	8p to 85p	Lyndale Eng	2p to 23p
Bullough Ltd	7p to 65p	Paterson Zoch	10p to 470p
Crodite Grp	3p to 31p	Tilbury Cont	10p to 226p
Hickson Welch	7p to 287p	Unilever	6p to 424p
Imp Chem Ind	5p to 315p	Western Areas	5p to 345p

Falls

Eroken Hill	50p to 675p	Peko Wallsend	30p to 430p
Cns Tea & Lnd	20p to 395p	Rorn Cns "B"	5p to 200p
Dalgety	6p to 213p	Slater Walker	2p to 23p
EMI	5p to 216p	Smith, W. H.	6p to 416p
IPH	3½p to 18p	UK Props	4p to 9p
Jackson JHB	15p to 20½p	Welkom	5p to 315p
MIM Hldgs	12p to 200p	Yarrow & Co	8p to 121p

Equities were once again retarded by profit takers.
Gilt-edged securities were active. *Sterling slipped 5 pts to $2.0635.* The "effective devaluation" rate was 29.4 per cent.

Gold dropped 75 cents to $143.50 an ounce.
SDR-$ was 1.18212 while SDR-£ was 0.572276.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1135.8 (previous 1136.6).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.68	1.62
Austria Sch	38.50	36.50
Belgium Fr	84.25	81.25
Canada $	2.14	2.09
Denmark Kr	12.70	12.30
Finland Mkk	8.15	7.90
France Fr	9.25	8.95
Germany DM	5.45	5.25
Greece Dr	79.00	72.00
Hongkong $	10.55	10.15
Italy Lr	1555.00	1500.00
Japan Yn	645.00	620.00
Netherlands Gld	5.55	5.35
Norway Kr	11.60	11.25
Portugal Esc	79.00	68.00
S Africa Rd	1.79	1.67
Spain Pes	126.50	121.00
Sweden Kr	9.25	8.95
Switzerland Fr	5.55	5.35
US $	2.11	2.05
Yugoslavia Dnr	42.50	39.00

Rates for small denominations in bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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	Unaudited Results for 26 weeks to 27th Sept. 1975 £'000	Unaudited Results for 26 weeks to 28th Sept. 1974 £'000	Audited Results for 52 weeks to 29th Mar. 1975 £'000
External Sales	27,184	21,512	48,589
Trading Profit	1,969	1,940	4,604
Profit before Taxation	1,742	1,818	4,204
Available Profit of the Group	807	859	1,847
Earnings per 25p share	4.2p	4.4p	9.5p

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:
In the half-year under review much improved results from the Foundry and Engineering Divisions have offset the anticipated downturn in profits from the Steel Division.
Although recently the foundries have experienced some falling off in the demand for the lighter machine moulded work they forecast a strong finish to the year. The Engineering companies anticipate completing the year at the same rate of earnings but there are no signs yet of any increased activity in the Steel Division. Group trading profit for the year is now expected to be only marginally below last year's record figure which will be a good achievement in view of the current difficult conditions.
The interim dividend of 1.33p per share (1974—1.25p) declared by the Directors reflects the 10% maximum permitted increase and requires a total sum of £393,941 against £359,193 last year.

Marshall Holdings in the new year as a main board director and Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls.

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£22m BSC contract for Hunterston jetty

By Peter Hill

Development of a big new *coastal steelmaking site* at Hunterston, Ayrshire, moved a stage further last night when the British Steel Corporation announced that a £22m contract had been let for the construction of a jetty on the site, as part of the large ore and coal terminal which is now under construction.

The site has been earmarked by the BSC for large-scale development although it does not figure in the current 10-year development programme, which is still being delayed by the Government's failure to announce the final outcome over the corporation's plant closure programme as it affects steelmaking in Wales.

But the BSC, is committed to building up steelmaking at Hunterston in the next few years to offset jobs lost in traditional steelmaking areas in Scotland. It plans to install two iron ore direct reduction plants on the site, together with facilities for producing steel

Work on the construction of the Hunterston ore and coal terminal—which will cost an estimated £70m—began in April last year and should become operational towards the end of 1977. It will have an initial capacity for a throughput of 4 million tonnes of iron ore annually together with 1 million tonnes of coal.

The jetty contract, placed by the Clyde Port Authority on behalf of the BSC, forms the largest single contract in the project. Contracts now let on the venture amount to £48m.

The jetty contract will be undertaken by the London-based contractors, Edmund Nuttall, along with Tarmac Construction and the Dutch firm of *Hollandsche Beton Maatschappij* BV.

Civil Aviation Authority to cut staff by 500

By Arthur Reed

Staff employed by the Civil Aviation Authority is to be reduced from 8,500 to 8,000 by the end of 1976, with an estimated saving in expenditure of £4m a year.

A spokesman for CAA said yesterday: "The only way open to reduce costs significantly is to reduce staff numbers. The level of our salaries is linked with salaries in the Civil Service, and is thus outside the authority's control."

Although the reduction in staff might lead to some lowering of standards of service, it could be made without impairing safety standards. The CAA is responsible for air traffic control in Britain.

Rolls given extra £50m state funding

By Our Political Staff

Additional government funding of between £20m and £50m for *Rolls-Royce (1971) Ltd* during the last quarter of this year has recently been agreed, it was announced yesterday in a Treasury minute on the Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts 1974-75.

The Treasury and the Department of Industry said the additional funding was mainly to compensate for the adverse effects on cash flow of an increase in inventories, after a slow down in world trade.

They added that the exact amount would depend on timing and other factors largely outside the company's control. Continuing discussions were taking place with the company on the level of its future working capital requirements.

The two ministries said they were making every effort to secure an early resolution of outstanding organizational and monitoring problems. The Government had received the company's longer-term strategy and expected the five-year forecast for 1976-80 to be submitted shortly.

Arthur Reed, Air Correspondent, writes: The extra funding covers a wide range of engines which Rolls-Royce produces and will help the company through a bad period in which sales of airliners to world airlines have slackened.

Some progress has been made recently with two international projects which could provide Rolls with future aero engine work. One is with the Soviet Union, the other with the American engine company, Pratt and Whitney.

The Russians are anxious to buy Rolls *RB-211* engines for a new Antonov long-haul airliner they are developing. Each aircraft will require four engines and total sales by Rolls could run into several hundreds. Negotiations are to begin in Moscow shortly.

Early engines would be bought "off-the-shelf" by the Russians, but later RB-211s would most likely be made partly in Britain and partly in the Soviet Union.

The American deal, which could be signed by the end of the year, sees a link between Rolls and P and W to produce a new engine in the 20,000lb thrust range.

Three-tier tariff plan for power

By David Young

Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, has set up a committee to study the possibility of establishing a three-tier tariff system for gas and electricity.

A Commons Select Committee which is investigating the tariffs of the gas and electricity industries was also told by Mrs Williams in evidence yesterday that she is considering bringing the charges of nationalized industries into the price control package she is to introduce next February.

Mrs Williams emphasized that this would not mean a change in the system of government subsidies to these industries. It simply meant that the Government was selecting those industries in which it would be possible to limit increases to 5 per cent during the counter-inflation policy.

The three-tier system would be based on one used in Japan in which small consumers pay less, larger consumers pay the highest tariffs with a mid-range for the average user.

The scheme is designed to help the small consumer, who is also invariably the poorest.

Congress urged to act on federal debt ceiling

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Nov 12

Mr Stephen Gardner, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, gave a warning today that unless Congress acted swiftly to raise the federal debt ceiling and *enact legislation* to give the Treasury more flexibility in how it borrows money from the markets, "we will risk causing extreme congestion in the short and intermediate term maturity areas of the nation's financial markets".

In testimony before the Senate Finance Committee he alluded to various areas of what is swiftly becoming a major financial crisis. The difficulties centre on the expiration this Saturday of the special temporary debt ceiling limit; on the fact that the Treasury no longer has authority to issue any marketable securities maturing in over seven years; and on the impossibility at present of forecasting Treasury borrowing needs, because of the tax-cutting controversy between President Ford and Congress.

Unless Congress acts with speed, the temporary debt ceiling of $577,000m (about £280,000m) will expire on Saturday and the old permanent ceiling of $400,000m will come into force.

Congress will almost certainly act, but there could be some serious delay, causing confusion in the Treasury and in the markets, because some congressmen, inspired by Mr Ford's suggestions, are trying to link a federal government spending limit to any increase in the debt limit.

The 1975 tax cuts expire on January 1 and unless Congress acts within the next two weeks, taxes will effectively be raised at the start of the coming year, because of administrative problems, such as changing computer programmes

As things stand, after final decisions yesterday by the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, Congress will reject the President's proposal to link $28,000m of tax cuts this fiscal year to a similar volume of spending cuts in the next fiscal year.

The issue is becoming highly complicated and confusing, leaving the Treasury and the financial markets with major practical problems.

Mr Gardner disclosed that Treasury borrowing for the second half of the current calendar year will be about $58,500m and for the first six months of 1976 between $55,000m and $60,000m.

N Vietnam to supply anthracite

Anthracite is being imported from North Vietnam this winter to avoid a possible shortage in supplies from South Wales. Coal merchants are also buying stocks in West Germany and South Africa, which are expected to bring total imports to about 100,000 tons.

Anthracite is used principally as a smokeless fuel by domestic consumers. The National Coal Board had expected to produce about 1.2 million tons from open-cast workings in South Wales but delays in obtaining permission for new sites has reduced this to a million tons.

Foreign supplies are being imported in case of a cold winter.

Investment warning

The British chemical industry will be able to fund £1,600m worth of new investment needed over the next three years. This was the confident view yesterday of Mr Harry Smith, an ICI executive, at a seminar on chemical industry investment in London organized by the Society of Chemical Industry. But he said that this creditworthiness needed the support of action by the Government to improve the industry's cash flow and investment image.

Fewer textile jobs

Textile Statistics Bureau figures issued yesterday show that during September the number of people in the industry fell by a further 420. Compared with a year earlier, jobs had shrunk by 8,000. One bright spot was that employment in the finishing sector showed a slight increase for the second consecutive month.

Fall in TV colour sets

Deliveries of colour TV sets during the first nine months of this year are down 29 per cent compared with deliveries in the same period in 1974. Imports now account for 15 per cent of the British colour TV market. September deliveries were seven per cent down on September 1974, figures.

British Nuclear Fuels wins £7m American order

By Kenneth Owen,
Technology Correspondent

British Nuclear Fuels are to carry out processing work worth more than $14m (over £7m) during the next ten years for four utility companies in the United States.

Over 4,000 metric tons of uranium ore concentrates are to be converted into uranium hexafluoride ("hex"), the feed-stock material for uranium enrichment plants.

Letters of intent for this work have been received from Yankee Atomic Electric Power, Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company, Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation and Public Service Company of New Hampshire.

The British company will collect the ore concentrates from a number of mills in the United States, purify and convert them at Springfields, near Preston, Lancashire, and return the hex to United States government enrichment plants between 1977 and 1986.

Over 6,000 tonnes of uranium, in the form of hex, have been despatched from Springfields to American enrichment plants in recent years.

N Sea oil decline likely in 15 years

The North Sea may make Britain self-sufficient in oil only for a few years in the mid-1980s, a study group from the British Association for the Advancement of Science said yesterday.

But the group—appointed to study the social consequences of the energy situation—said that although it did not share the most optimistic assessments of the economic potential of North Sea oil, it would still be an important economic asset. Foundations should be laid now for continuing industrial development in Scotland when the flow of oil began to decline in 15 years.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Putting nationalized industry costs into their true perspective

From Mr Geoffrey Drain

Sir, Sally Oppenheim's "thoughts" on the nationalized industries and inflation (November 10) really need some comment. She wonders why costs have gone up in these industries and seems not to be aware that prices of gas, electricity, etc, have been kept artificially low by successive governments for the benefit of the consumer. They are now charging prices which more truly reflect the cost of the product.

The side-swipes at staff are rather naive. Pay increases negotiated by Nalgo for white-collar staff in the nationalized and public industries have been completely within the terms of *the Social Contract and the last* round did not even cover increases in the cost of living.

Perhaps I could illustrate the case of the Electricity Supply Industry, which has shown demonstrable increases in productivity at a time of great economic difficulty? The staff (who have made great sacrifices) certainly do not deserve the innuendo levelled at them by Mrs Oppenheim.

Number of Employees	
31-3-67	31-3-75
228,520	172,483

Reduction over eight years 56,037—24.5 per cent (58 power stations were closed over the same period)

Total Units Sold	
1966-67	1974-75
141,478 million	195,944 million

Increase: 54,466 million—38.5 per cent (1,760,000 extra customers over same period)

The *industry's* accumulated profits were £783m during the first 22 years of nationalization. Since 1970-71 price restraint during an inflationary period has meant losses of £515m. Much of the recent price increases has been due to fuel cost adjustments.

In view of this (and much more) I would suggest that Mrs Oppenheim study her books a little more carefully before making speeches. Any objective look at some of the socially and commercially unproductive *private concerns* ought to suggest to her that the battery of controls she has thought up would be more appropriate to a large part of the private sector.

I know that it is popular sport to *make Aunt Sallies* of our nationalized industries, but politicians—in or out of office—might have a care for the facts.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY DRAIN,
General Secretary,
National and Local Government Officers Association,
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November 11.

Case for abolishing corporation tax

From Mr B. A. Cole

Sir, Your Financial Editor (*November 5*) *stated*: "An additional consideration (in applying Sandilands for tax purposes) would surely have to be whether or not it was acceptable to make concessions of this kind to the corporate sector without making similar concessions in various areas of personal taxation too."

Is it not time that we all started to appreciate the fundamental difference beween *corporate and personal taxation*? The former reduces national investment, corporate liquidity and the ability of employers to provide employment, while the latter does not. It is no doubt necessary that changes in the tax structure be acceptable to a broad cross-section of the nation, but the equation of the two types of taxpayer in class terms like those used by your Financial *Editor surely perpetuates* a damaging misconception.

Corporate taxation is not a contribution to the nation's tax revenue from some source other than personal taxpayers. It is an indirect tax on the consumer in the same way as VAT is. It is not reasonable to suggest with apparent approval, as the above quotation does, that a cut in one form of indirect taxation is only acceptable if *accompanied by a cut* in some other tax as well!

The destructive aspect of corporation tax is that it is selective in a way which is damaging to the national economy. To tax profits made by efficient companies and to relieve of this tax companies which are inefficient enough to make losses is to transfer resources away from those best able to use them. This process must reduce the nation's wealth.

Instead of worrying about how to replace the crude adjustment for inflation (stock appreciation relief) by a more subtle system based on Sandilands, when the basic concept of corporation tax is so pernicious, why do we not spend the time and effort improving the whole basis of taxation? To be specific, let us get rid of all taxes except income tax (to include tax on all realised capital gains corrected for inflation) and VAT. No other taxes are necessary for revenue or social justice (except perhaps a wealth tax), and most are damaging to the economy. Corporation tax in particular should be abolished; this would improve the efficiency of our industry, enable more employment to be provided by investment by efficient companies, and increase our export competitiveness since VAT may be remitted on exports while corporation tax may not.

I ask your support, especially in your *financial columns*, for a campaign to educate and persuade government, unions, taxpayers and all other relevant sectors of the community. A fundamental reorganization of our tax structure is long overdue; the abolition of corporation tax would be an excellent start.

Yours faithfully,
B. A. COLE,
"Drake Wood",
Devonshire Avenue,
Amersham,
Buckinghamshire.
November 5.

Time for a 30p book of stamps?

From Mr S. V. Straker

Sir, The Post Office has received some quite justified criticism in your columns over the past few months. The replies from the various departments have been of a predictably negative nature. The most ludicrous example was the telephone VAT refund which could quite easily have been credited to subscribers' accounts with a suitable explanation alongside. Instead, we get a letter explaining that VAT may be overcharged, a card to return claiming a refund, and a further card *informing us what refund*, if any, is due—good business for a printer!

Another absurd relic of a bygone age is the help-yourself 10p book of stamps, containing two each of the four lowest denomination stamps available. To be fair to the Post Office, this service is most useful when the shops are shut. However, times have changed. No longer can you send four letters *for your 10p—one only* from one book and that has to have four stamps on it, six for first class!

Is the management of the Post Office so inept that it cannot produce a more realistic book of stamps from a slot machine? As well as our eight stamps we have eight pages of advertising (all their own) and a cover for our money. Why not a 30p or 50p book of *stamps? And with some more* sensible stamps inside.

It is no use the Post Office replying that they are using old stock. My book clearly states "August 1975 issue".

Yours faithfully,
S. V. STRAKER,
Director,
S. Straker & Sons Limited,
49 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 3JY.
November 6.

North Sea safety measures

From Mr M. Swiss

Sir, The fire on Ekofisk A has been diagnosed as the result of a broken and corroded pipe. Permit me to draw your attention to the factors which have been recognized to have caused it. Any pipe which, it is intended, shall remain permanently submerged in the sea, has the usual bituminous protective coating, electrical (cathodic) anticorrosive devices and a thick reinforced concrete coat. Impact by service vessels is reported to have cracked this coat and the effectiveness of cathodic devices in the so-called "splash zone" appears doubtful.

In so far as the Ekofisk A fire caused three deaths the leak was a danger to life. Had the escaping oil not caught fire it would have caused widespread pollution. Had it been a less obviously visible part of the piping such pollution could have continued undetected.

The purpose of this—I hope not too technical—letter is to emphasize the unity of the North Sea. Pipes now run through British, Norwegian, Dutch and German sectors. Yet the regulations are far from uniform. I am aware of the fact that the booster platforms on the Ekofisk to Emden (West Germany) route are built with a different margin of safety depending where they stand. I know that one company reinforces its seabed pipeline concrete with thin and another with thick steel wire. I know that emergency arrangements in Britain are the responsibility of the producing company (with everybody else giving a willing hand) whereas in the Norwegian sector there is an inter-company pool of emergency services. At a recent conference this was described as a shambles.

In one sentence: exploitation of the North Sea must come under a scrutiny of a standing conference of riparian nations to define, standardize and co-ordinate safety measures.

Yours faithfully,
M. SWISS,
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34 Meadow Way,
Wembley, Middlesex.

Suez Canal mystery

From Mr W. P. W. Elwell

Sir, Those of us who are old enough to remember 1956 will recall that the prices of a wide range of commodities were increased on the grounds, we *were told, that the closure* of the Suez Canal increased the cost of transporting them here.

Cargoes are now again flowing through the Suez Canal, but it seems that nobody dares to suggest that those same prices should now be reduced.

Why this conspiracy of silence? Is there no person or organization prepared to take the point further?

Yours faithfully,
WALTER P. W. ELWELL,
7 Salterns Close,
Hayling Island,
Hampshire.
November 6.

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Dated this 7th day of November 1975.

P. P. M. SHEWELL, Liquidator

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No. 002823 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Mr. Justice Oliver In the Matter of THE KULIM GROUP Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the *order of the High Court of Justice*, Chancery Division, dated the 27th day of October, 1975, CONFIRMING the REDUCTION of the SHARE CAPITAL of the above-named Company from £6,000,000 to £1,690,499 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the Share Capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above Act *were registered by the Registrar of* Companies on the 6th day of November, 1975.

Dated the 10th day of November, 1975.

STEPHENSON HARWOOD & TATHAM, Saddlers' Hall, Gutter Lane, Cheapside, London, E.C.2. Solicitor for the Company.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of NADLER & TYLER Limited No. 001051 of 1973

Notice is hereby given that a FIRST and FINAL PAYMENT to PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS is intended to be DECLARED in the above-named Company and that Preferential Creditors who have not *already proved their claims are to* come in and prove such claims on or before the 28th November 1975 after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Preferential Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Liquidator. *Atlantic* house, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of JONES & CO. (NEWCROSS) Limited. Nature of Business: Dispensing Chemist.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13th October, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 26th November, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD, at 11.00 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and *Provisional Liquidator.*

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of J. C. MORIARTY Limited. Nature of Business: Guest House & Hotel Proprietors.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th October, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS, 27th November, 1975, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6NP at 3.30 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 4.00 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of SKYWEBB Limited. Nature of Business: Dealers in Clothing.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE, 6th October, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS, 27th November, 1975, at Room 239, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6NP at 2.30 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 3.00 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of CECIL ERN & CO., Limited. Nature of Business: Manufacture of architectural metalwork.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13 October, 1975

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 28th November, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock. *CONTRIBUTORIES on the same* day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of SEVENFOLD BUILDERS Limited. Nature of Business: Shopfitters and decorators.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6 October 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 26 November 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 3.00 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

RE: SALTER & BARNES Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) and the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above named Company are required on or before Friday, 12th December, 1975 to send *their names* and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned Ian Peter Phillips, F.C.A., at 76 New Cavendish Street, London, W1M 8AH, the Liquidator of the said Company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time or place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 3rd day of November, 1975.

IAN PETER PHILLIPS
Chartered Accountant

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of GODLPHIN FILMS Limited No 01.1841 of 1967

Notice is hereby given that a FIRST and FINAL DIVIDEND to CREDITORS is intended to be DECLARED in the above-named Company and that Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such *claims on or before the* 28th November 1975 after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.

J. B. CLEMETSON, Senior Official Receiver and Liquidator. Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD.

RE: GROVES FENCING COMPANY LIMITED and The Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 295 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at 76 New Cavendish Street, London, W1M 8AH on Friday, the 21st day of November, 1975 at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 6th day of November, 1975.

T. W. BATES, *Director*

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of CRESTWOOD PROPERTIES Limited. Nature of Business: Property owners.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE, 13th October, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS, 28th November, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES, on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of TRAVELOGUE (ENGLAND) Limited. Nature of Business: Travel Agency.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE, 6th October, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS, 27th November, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD, at 11.00 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948, In the Matter of CARTAPLANT Limited. Nature of Business: Plant hire.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th October, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 26th November, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 12.00 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day at the same place at 12.30 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of MILL REEF PRESS Limited Nature of Business: Printers.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13 October 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 26th November 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 3.30 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 4.00 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

NORWOOD INSURANCE BROKERS Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) and the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above named Company are required on or before the 10th December, 1975 to send *their names and addresses* and particulars of their Debts or Claims to the undersigned, Bernard Phillips, F.C.A., at 76 New Cavendish Street, London, W.1. the Liquidator of the said Company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said Debts or Claims at such time or place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such Debts are proved.

Dated this 5th day of November, 1975.

BERNARD PHILLIPS,
Chartered Accountant.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of DAVIS GENERAL STORES Limited No. 00262 of 1970.

Notice is hereby given that a FIRST and FINAL PAYMENT to PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS is intended to be DECLARED in the above-named Company and that Preferential Creditors who have not already prov.d their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 28th November, 1975 after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Preferential Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.

L. M. BATES, Official Receiver and Liquidator, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, EC1N 2HD.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of H.J. JEWELLERY Limited Nature of Business: Dealers & Manufacturers of Jewellery & Ornaments of all kinds

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13th October 1975

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 26th November 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator,

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of SURETHREAD Limited. Nature of Business: Later in cloth and haberdashery.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13th October 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 27th November 1975, at Room 239 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP at 11.00 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 12.00 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of POWERQUICK Limited. Nature of Business: Flat maintenance and cleaning.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13th October 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 28th November 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 12.00 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 12.30 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of THE DUTCH HOUSE (DIAMONDS) Limited. Nature of Business: Goldsmiths, etc.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13th October, 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 27th November, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 11.00 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.

N SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of DEVHURST BUILDERS Limited. Nature of Business: Builders and contractors.

WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13th October 1975.

DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS: CREDITORS 27th November 1975, at Room 239 Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP at 10.00 o'clock. CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

Business appointments

Takeover Panel promotion

Mr John Trembath, on secondment to the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers from Allen and Overy, has been promoted to be a deputy director general of the panel jointly with Mr Peter Frazer.

Mr W. J. Benson is to take up the new appointment of assistant chief executive of National Westminster Bank on December 1.

Mr Peter Williams has been named deputy chairman of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Mr John Dunn has been appointed chief executive of Derek Crouch (Contractors).

Mr Eugene O'Shea becomes a director of Ultramar. He is a senior vice-president and general counsel of American Ultramar. Mr Bertram Ault, a senior vice-president of American Ultramar, has been appointed alternate director to Mr Lloyd E. Bensen on the board of Ultramar. Mr James Allan, president of Golden Eagle, Canada, is to be alternate director to Mr *Arnold Lorbeer* on the board of Ultramar.

Mr John Schofield and Mr Eric Tyler have been appointed to the board of British Debt Services.

Mr A. J. Glock has become managing director of the Staines Group.

Mr D. A. Rogers has been appointed by IMI Overseas Investments as territorial director in Spain.

Mr Norman Gardener has been made *marketing director of Lubrication* Engineers (UK).

Mr William Ritchie is appointed company secretary of British Uralite in succession to Mr N. O. Lance, who is the financial director of the company.

Mr H. G. Downs has been made managing director of Avery-Denison.

Mr John Higham has been made production director of Meccano.

Mr F. B. Collis has been appointed general manager of *Castrol's retail sales division. He* succeeds Mr John Harding, who has retired.

Mr R. A. Rose, sales director of Lloyd Menswear, has been re-elected chairman of the Textile Distributors Association.

Mr P. F. Williams has joined the board of Abbott & Gerson (Air Freight).

Mr Campbell Weir has become *group marketing manager of the* Co-operative Wholesale Society's grocery group. The newly created post of group purchasing manager has been filled by Mr Ron Bronstein, a former director of Tesco.

Mr G. H. Byrom has been appointed deputy chairman of the North Eastern Electricity Board as from December 1.

Mr Roger Dunn has been named chief executive of Arcontrol after the resignation of Mr Keith Horner, managing director.

Mr Russell Shearer has joined the board of Wigham Poland Scotland.

Mr Leslie Spooner, manufacturing director of Fielding & Platt, has been made engineering director. Mr B. John Pugh has joined the company as manufacturing director.

Mr G. Cox and Mr J. W. Murfin have been made directors of A. E. Jerks and Catteil.

Mr David Austen, finance *director, becomes deputy* managing director of Colston Appliances. He hands over the managing directorship of ITS Rubber to Mr John Freeman, formerly general manager.

Mr W. K. Tyler has been made a director of Ley's Malleable Castings.

Mr Michael Ferrier has been made finance director of Seaferth Maritime. Mr William Edgar becomes engineering director, and Mr Andrew Wilkie marine director.

Mr Brian Belcher has joined the board of Dorothy Perkins. He is managing director of the group's retail subsidiary.

Mr R. Gordon Slade becomes chairman of Fairey Hydraulics upon the retirement of Sir Joseph Hunt. Mr Slade is succeeded as managing director of the company by Mr D. J. Everett, previously commercial director. Mr R. A. G. Harcourt has been made director and general manager of Fairey Filtration. He succeeds Mr D. O. Thurgood who has been appointed managing director of Fairey Industrial Products.

Sir John Marshall has become *chairman of the National Bank of* New Zealand. He succeeds Mr J. B. Price, who will remain a member of the board.

Mr B. J. Skipper has joined the board of Cadbur Typhoo as sales and distribution director.

Mr E. E. Rudd, assistant managing director of Sphere Drake (Underwriting) becomes assistant managing director with responsibilities for non-marine underwriting and marketing.

Mr William Lindsay becomes financial director of *Joy Manufacturing* (UK).

Mr L. M. James has been appointed to the board of Colmore Investments.

Mr A. A. Craig has resigned from and Mr P. Hart has been appointed to the board of George Boland.

Mr Kenneth Woodward joins the board of Allspeeds as works director.

Mr Peter Johnson, deputy chairman of Johnson & Firth Brown, becomes a director of *British* Engine Insurance.

Mr John Neller has been appointed managing director of Film Cooling Towers (1925).

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

The next stage of Unilever's recovery

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Mr John Sainsbury, chairman of J. Sainsbury: a first half set back.

and there must still be a strong argument for some longer-term financing for expansion.

But for the moment there seems little in the way of attraction, and something in the way of a question mark over the high-rating enjoyed by the shares, which stood at 148p yesterday, and prospectively yield 5 per cent.

Interim 1975-76 (1974-75)
Capitalization £122.7m
Sales £276m (£231m)
Pre-tax profits £5.74m (£7.52m)
Dividend gross 2.54p (2.23p)

Western American

Hambros pulls out

Hambros was very much a motive force behind the formation of Western American Bank (Europe) back in 1968, and originally held a 28 per cent interest. But well before the crisis year of 1974 it had decided to cash in on its investment and, indeed, had taken the first step towards disengagement by selling part of its stake to Bank of Tokyo (cutting its overall holding to 10 per cent) as early as 1972.

There cannot have been much incentive to stay on. In the halcyon growth days up to last year WAB was an aggressive and very big lender in the Euro-markets and to that extent provided a complementary arm to Hambros' existing Eurocurrency activities. But after 1974's sobering experience WAB has been obliged to see itself less as a lending business and more as a straightforward merchant bank specializing in international medium-term finance.

WAB's new role brings it much more directly into competition with Hambros' own international operations, however. On the same grounds that Rothschild found little point in staying in Rothschild Intercontinental Bank, another directly competing consortium bank, it would have made little sense for Hambros to continue in WAB.

General Accident

Looking to the US recovery

General Accident's third quarter underwriting deterioration in the United Kingdom was nasty though exaggerated by factors which were hopefully exceptional. Certainly, the market preferred to concentrate on the slowly improving United States underwriting trend that GA confirms for the composite sector, and the shares closed unchanged at 160p.

In sterling terms the United States underwriting loss during the first three quarters of this year has been £3.9m, £3.5m, and £3m respectively—thus £10.4m for the nine months. However, the declining sterling/dollar exchange rate masks the underlying improvement and, adjusted, the figures should read £4.6m, £3.4m and £2.4m. The United States operating ratio also shows the true trend, and that has fallen to 105.7 per cent for GA in the third quarter against 109.4 and 107.2 per cent respectively in the first two quarters.

Behind GA's United States improvement is, of course, the East Coast state motor rate increases now coming through almost weekly, though because of the 12 months' delay between premiums being "written" and "earned" it will be 1976 before the full underwriting improvement is seen.

The United Kingdom underwriting loss has jumped from £3.3m at the half-way stage to £8.6m at the nine months, though around £1.5m of this £5.3m third quarter jump will have arisen from GA's exposure to exceptionally heavy fire losses in August. The property account failed to cushion the United Kingdom motor and liability accounts in the third quarter and experience has hardly improved in those latter two classes. On the basis of these results, GA must still rank only behind Royal and ahead of CU in terms of underwriting recovery prospects. The prospective yield of 5.6 per cent is on the low side however.

Nine months: 1975 (1974)
Capitalization £204m
Net written premiums £345.3m (£279.5m)
Pre-tax profits £10.2m (£24.6m)

Spillers

Rights sums

The only surprise in Spillers two-for-seven rights issue to raise £12.4m is that it has taken so long in coming, especially when last month's excellent interim results appeared to be a heaven-sent opportunity to approach the market. No doubt, though, Spillers was anxious to see a firmer trend established in the equity market after Rank Hovis McDougall's chastening experience earlier this year when the less than rapturous response to the issue depressed the shares perilously close to the offer price.

Again, perhaps with the RHM issue in mind, Spillers is doing its utmost to convince shareholders that its fund-raising exercise has nothing to do with reducing short-term borrowings. Instead, Spillers is making the sort of positive noises—"increasing the equity capital base . . . to take advantage of opportunities for developing the group's business both at home and overseas"—that it hopes will be music to shareholders' ears.

Nevertheless, there are some cogent reasons for strengthening the capital base in the balance sheet where borrowings have mushroomed over the past couple of years, particularly at the shorter end which accounted for £43m of the £59.5m total in the last balance sheet. The trend here has been more encouraging lately underlined by the drop in interest charges at the interim stage; net short-term borrowings at the end of October had dropped £4m to £53.2m. The proposed rights issue will trim net gearing further to 28.5 per cent.

After some initial weakness yesterday the shares closed unchanged at 47½p—a fair indication that with Schroders and Cazenove backing the market expects the issue will be successful. And while a profit forecast of £15.7m pre-tax for the full year is below some higher outside estimates, Spillers confirms that the dividend will be raised by the maximum allowed to put the shares on a yield of 8.1 per cent.

Frank Vogl, in Washington, gives an American view of the Chrysler crisis

US car makers heading for recovery

Chrysler Corporation's determination to resolve once and for all its difficulties in Britain, is primarily the product of the worst slump that the American car market has seen since the Second World War. The sharp decline in the United States new car sales in the past two years has weakened all the major Detroit car companies and none more so than Chrysler.

More importantly, the combination of high oil prices, inflation and recession, has brought significant changes in consumer tastes, and the companies that are now succeeding in the United States market are those that can offer a wide range of cars and particularly models that are much smaller and more fuel-efficient than what Americans call the "gas-guzzlers" of the past.

For Chrysler to maintain a sizable slice of the United States market it must invest heavily in the creation of a completely new model programme. Its financial base has been severely eroded by the slump and it has now come to recognize that it simply lacks the financial strength to go forward with all the developments that it considers to be essential.

Mounting losses

A major long-term problem for the company has been its activities in Britain and the losses there, which have risen year upon year and have added significantly to the company's American problems and weakened the corporation as a whole.

Chrysler has had total losses so far this year of $253m (about £123m) of which roughly one-sixth has been accounted for by its British subsidiary. There is no way the company can make the investments needed to retain a strong position in the United States market if losses in Britain continue at such a rate.

One strategy for Chrysler would be to find some sort of interim solution to ensure at least the medium-term survival of Chysler in Britain.

This would be done in the hope that a year or two from now the finances of Chrysler world-wide would be in a lot better shape than they are today, giving the company more time and greater flexibility to resolve its British problems.

The position of the Chrysler Corporation is less serious than is sometimes suggested, because it still has United States credit lines available to it of $560m (£270m) and insiders suggest that the majority of this has not yet been drawn upon.

These credit lines are one reason for suggesting that the company's financial strength may well improve substantially, because they provide the support essential to get through the present crisis. In addition, and perhaps of equal importance, is the fact that at long last there are now signs that the United States slump is coming to an end and that the next year or two will see a sharp rise in United States new car sales.

United States new car demand is already reflecting rising real spendable incomes. An increasing number of industry leaders are optimistic that 1976 may see a 20 per cent rise in total new car sales and that a further rise of more than one million units might be seen in 1977 to equal the record 11.4 million unit sales of 1973.

This optimism is based on the expectation that the United States recovery is going to be sustained, and that monetary and fiscal policy in the year ahead will be affected by the Presidential election and so strengthen the already visible trend of growing consumer spending.

All the Detroit companies are making sure that they do not make the same mistake as they did exactly one year ago when their optimism about the future, which proved to be unjustified, led them to over-produce and, as a result, build massive stocks of unsold cars. Reducing those stocks proved to be an extremely expensive business, especially for Chrysler.

Thus despite renewed optimism and good recent sales, the manufacturers have decided to produce fewer cars this month than in any November since 1959, and they hope this will lead to a much healthier balance between new output and stocks of cars with dealers.

Chrysler has suffered more than any of its rivals in the past two years and thus is being forced to be even more cautious than the rest. It does not have a market-leading small car in its stable of models, as does the smaller American Motors Corporation, nor does it have the great financial reserves that are enjoyed by its bigger rivals, Ford and General Motors.

The future for the United States car industry looks a lot brighter now than it did even three months ago, but experts at Ford and General Motors admit that the market is going to be a tougher place, especially as the foreign manufacturers, with their appealing small family cars, have gained a market share which has risen to about 20 per cent from around 14 per cent.

The foreigners have spent heavily and firmly entrenched themselves, with some notable exceptions, such as British Leyland, which because of its financial problems has decided to pull out of the United States small family car market, despite the great success of its Japanese, German and Italian rivals here.

Against this background Chrysler's managers know that the future could produce healthy profits so long as the company can widen its appeal and become more competitive with its rivals, both foreign and domestic. The company must get cracking on its investment programme and to do this it must be freed of the burden of repetitive large losses in certain areas, such as Britain.

Chrysler has decided on a four point programme for the rest of the decade, which, given the plans of the other United States manufacturers, is no more than adequate to ensure a profitable share of the American market.

Small car plan

The programme's main features are:
1 A totally new American-produced small car with front-wheel drive and a four cylinder transverse mounted engine.
2 A totally new medium-small family car, including a sports coupe model.
3 A totally new full-size, six seater, economy car.
4 A totally new line of models for the luxury end of the large car market sector.

This programme for the next five years will involve investment spending of at least $1500m (£728m). But it is a programme that can only be financed by a company that is profitable. Chrysler believes it is now turning the corner from its large losses to growing profits but its ambitions may be hampered by the continuing troubles in Britain.

Chrysler needs a breathing space to gear-up to a more competitive position in America and only once it has attained such a position could it adequately cope on a long-term and constructive basis with its British subsidiary. If the British trade unions and British Government do not help Chrysler to find that breathing space, then Chrysler will close its United Kingdom plants.

The sheep masquerading in wolf's clothing

It is well known that wolves may, on occasions, don sheep's clothing; and this is not an irrational or unnatural proceeding for a predator who wishes for time to sort out the fattest prey. It would, however, be foolish for the wolf to appear so attired among his own kind, inviting, as he would, at worst injury and at best ridicule.

How much more foolish would it be for a sheep to go among wolves *in puris naturalibus*. So it may be, despite popular prejudice to the contrary, that a sheep may affect a lupine exterior for reasons of self-protection, or even in order to tease his own kind. And so it is with the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

It is, therefore, necessary to remind oneself from time to time, particularly at times when the unreason of the Chancellor's pronouncements penetrate deeply under the intelligent man's skin, that the actions of the beast tend much more strongly to the domesticated than to the ferocious. Beneath the grey pelt, bared fangs and swishing tail, there beats the ovine heart of a woolly friend of man that goes upon cloven hoof.

What, after all, was the right policy to deal with the situation which Mr Healey inherited nearly 20 months ago? It was gradually to bring down the super-inflationary growth of the money supply, while allowing the exchange rate to take the strain of any excess inflation in Britain over that in other countries, financing any balance of payments deficit that was the counterpart to the initial surpluses of the oil producing countries, and exhorting the trade unions not to price more of their members out of jobs than they found absolutely necessary.

Financial convulsion

To be sure, there were false starts. For a time it seemed that the deceleration of money supply growth was too abrupt and in danger of causing a destructive financial convulsion. The first stab at price control and corporate taxation caused a nearly disastrous diversion of finance away from the corporate to the personal sector.

The first year's attempts to dissuade trade unions from pricing their members out of their jobs were too feebly couched and anyway fell upon deaf ears, deafened in part by the jarring monthly reports of Mr Heath's threshold agreements being triggered with alarming rapidity. Even this was followed by a £6 limit on increases in a situation where any general increases could have no other overall effects than either to cause the unemployment of otherwise employable people or to force the Government to abandon its central strategy of monetary disinflation.

Moreover, government spending, both as planned in claims on real resources over the medium-term and as disbursed in actual cash in the current year, swelled seriously out of line with any trend that could reasonably be accommodated to balance expansion of investment and exports in the medium term or to restraint of inflation in the short-term. At the same time an entirely inappropriate cut in value added tax was made in July, 1974, and has not yet been reversed.

Yet the essential profile of a coherent strategy has emerged, though constantly swathed in misleading rhetoric designed to put the wolves, with whom the Chancellor is constrained to hunt, off the scent. The growth in the money supply has been brought down; and it matters not that foreign borrowing and weak demand for bank credit has contributed decisively to this end.

Peter Jay
Economics Editor

While interest rates remain ridiculously low by any normal standard (probably still negative in real terms), the Chancellor has at least shown himself twice willing to raise interest rates where his predecessors would have vetoed, indeed did veto, such action. It is true that there are worrying signs now that in recent months the money supply may have resumed its upward path under the impact of the enormous public sector borrowing requirement, still not yet under proper control.

But it would be premature to conclude that the Chancellor who has so far set his face so adamantly against the reflation which all his predecessors undertook at comparable moments, is now preparing to abandon the strategy for which he has risked so much. We have already seen an unprecedented deployment of a form of cash limits on expenditure in the present year and have been promised formal publication of fairly comprehensive limits for next year.

Nationalized industries are being forced to raise their prices in order to cut their losses and even to cover cash-flow shortfalls caused by poor investment budgeting, as in the case of the Post Office. Provided that vigorous sales of gilt-edged securities are kept up by the Treasury, and that interest rates are allowed to rise as necessary, the incipient rise in the money supply can be checked.

If and when the demand for bank credit revives strongly, the Chancellor will need to be very tough indeed, perhaps even raising the banks' reserve ratios so that there cannot be a repetition of the credit explosion which caused so much damage in 1972-73. But it is not yet proven that Mr Healey will not take such action.

As far as the balance of payments is concerned, the deficit has been substantially reduced, the exchange rate has been eased downward in orderly fashion and a reasonable amount of long-term borrowing in relation to prospective earnings from North Sea oil has been arranged (including the perfectly sensible, indeed overdue, decision to draw on the United Kingdom's routine overdraft facilities at the International Monetary Fund, about which much uninformed fuss is being made).

At the same time the Chancellor has so far resisted the opium of import controls and even contrived to give the impression that his hands are tied by circumstances beyond his control (a white lie, if ever there was one), while growling harmlessly about "selective" controls in order to keep up his wolfish image.

It is not a flawless record; and it offers no guarantee whatever that the Chancellor will not eventually be forced to turn into a wolf in order to avert growing suspicions among his adopted brethren. Indeed, that remains the probable outcome on any normal reading of political imperatives.

But the fact remains that we already have the deepest recession since the war, that the inflation of domestic costs is for the moment easing rapidly, that unprecedented constraints are being placed on central, local, and nationalized industry expenditure, in both the short and longer terms, and that no action has yet been taken, not even export-led reflation, which commits the economy irrevocably to the course which we have most to fear, namely the next round of accelerating inflation. The sheep has not bitten yet.

Negative strategy

It is, of course, a negative strategy; but then mortal conditions require negative remedies. Accelerating inflation is a mortal condition both economically and politically; and there is no remedy for it but monetary starvation.

Unquestionably this has highly debilitating side-effects on the patient; and there is no merit (except perhaps to deceive the wolves) in disguising the fact that in Britain in the 1970s it means years, not months, of comparatively weak demand and high unemployment (at least statistically).

Once, however, labour costs are stabilized and world demand is restored to less recessionary levels, there can be plenty of scope and incentive for new industrial investment in Britain, both to take account of rising export opportunities and to reorient capacity away from inflation-based consumer demand towards sounder and more sustainable markets.

The quality of demand is in the long-run more important than the quantity. It is inflation generated by "full-employment demand management" policies which is threatening the de-industrialization of Britain; and it can only be a return to stable domestic costs, buttressed by moderation in Government demand on resources and by moderation in taxation, which can reverse the trend.

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But only last August the OFT published proposals for a review of the acts, which wondered where books, films or records were concerned whether the law was wide enough to cover "the person by whom they were written or performed".

The OFT stops short of including misleadingly lurid paperback covers, but adds "we see no reason why any indication which materially misrepresents the contents or authorship of printed or recorded matter in the broadest sense should not be made an offence".

Submissions concerning these proposals have to be in by the end of the month, and so far the OFT has yet to receive a dicky bird—ghosted or not—from either the publishers, the anonymous hacks or idle or illiterate celebrities.

In that event, Methven's case must be carried by default when the time comes for Mrs Shirley Williams, Minister for Prices and Consumer Protection, to make up her mind.

Meanwhile, we await with interest the autobiographies—ghosted or otherwise—of both these worthies with great interest. This story, by Business Diary's Ross Davies, is as told to sub-editor Clive Lewis.

High flier

John W. R. Taylor gives birth to his annual literary "baby" this morning from one of the most unlikely executive offices in Britain—the upper back bedroom of his house in a quiet road in the archetypal London suburb of Surbiton.

Jane's John Taylor.

Taylor is the editor of *Jane's All The World's Aircraft* which this year has emerged as a thumping tome, containing one and a half million words of text and 1,500 half-tone and line illustrations, and at a thumping price—£19.50.

Not that this small ransom is likely to put off any of Taylor's regular subscribers, who range from the directors of every aerospace company in the world to the top brass of all the air forces, including those based in Moscow. Eighty per cent of all copies printed are, in fact, sent overseas.

From his Surbiton headquarters, the cheerful and unassuming Taylor has communication lines open straight through the Iron Curtain from where come pearls of up-to-date aerospace information which sets them slavering in the Pentagon.

In his foreword this year, he berates Britain for wasting £1,000m on 42 aviation projects cancelled since the war, but reckons that we have learnt our lesson and that the days of aerospace profligacy with our money are now over.

Silence is golden

Whether, after the Herrema affair, the Irish Republic will join Argentina and Italy as the highest risk areas for kidnap insurance remains to be seen. But it is obvious that the recent publicity given to this form of business is causing some embarrassment in and around the Lloyd's of London insurance market in Lime Street.

As one Lloyd's broker put it yesterday: "There are the ethics of this to consider; some people feel that this sort of business is against the public interest in that it might encourage kidnappings and extortion demands."

Though the Herrema kidnapping was linked to political rather than ransom demands, every incident of this type is apparently raising the demand for insurance cover for multinational company executives working abroad.

Hitherto, Italy, South America and the Middle East have been the highest risk areas commanding the highest premiums, but one or two underwriters are thought to be putting a black mark against the Republic of Ireland now, too.

There is another reason why Lloyd's and other insurers underwriting this growing business are anxious to avoid publicity. This is simply that kidnap insurance carries what is known as a "non-disclosure warranty". In other words, if the existence of a kidnap insurance in respect of a particular individual is divulged, the policy can become automatically void.

The question of whether or not Dr Herrema was so insured is thus, understandably, met with a stonewall response in the insurance market.

Pot lot

Anthony du Boulay, a director of Christie's, will be knocking down what are for him some unusual lots when he takes to the rostrum in a forthcoming London auction.

Du Boulay is a porcelain expert, but he's stepping out of style on Saturday week, both in the line of goods coming under his hammer and in that there'll be no 10 per cent buyer's premium.

He'll be selling off everything, not at Christie's but near his home, from potted plants to chocolates as part of a community fair to be held at his parish church, St Anne's, South Lambeth.

Du Boulay won't be acting totally out of character, however, for among the items the church is asking to be given for the sale are tea sets and chamber pots.

Habitat Holdings in the new year.

Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls, as a main board director and

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Avana bounces back and restores dividend

By Peter Elliott

A jump in pre-tax profits has enabled Avana Group, the Cardiff-based cake maker, baker and confectioner, to restore its interim *dividend*. The payment is 0.46p against a total last year of *0.26p*. And Sir Julian Hodge, chairman, is confident enough to foresee profits of at least £1m a year, though he does not say when.

Pre-tax profits in the first 26 weeks to September 27 rose from only £25,000 to £275,000, on a turnover up from £6.8m to *£8.4m. Behind the improvement*, the group says, were steadier raw material prices, better stock control, falling interest rates and new products tailored to meet the consumer's diminishing purse.

The profits, which more than *matched the total for the whole* of last year, came too late to save Avana's expansion plans. Only two months ago, Sir Julian said the group had shelved its development programme thanks to "disarray" in the food industry. But the company is still spending £500,000 a year on new plant.

The company began its comeback during the second half of last year when profits jumped from £66,000 to £247,000, and sales from £6.64m to £8.27m. If this goes on, there is a strong *chance that Avana will match* 1973's peak profits of £577,000. Sir Julian adds that the company is trying to establish larger export sales on a selective basis, with encouraging results so far. All this helped the shares harden a bit.

Steel downturn checks F H Lloyd

The half-time results of steel founder and engineer F. H. Lloyd Holdings justify the cau*tion expressed* earlier *despite* its success in the preceding 12 months. Then there was a 79 per cent gain to £4.2m before tax.

In the six months to September *27* much improved results from the foundry (the largest contributor to profits) and engineering divisions offset the expected downturn in steel. So pre-tax profits slipped only slightly from £1.82m to £1.74m.

A similar experience is likely for the full year to March 29 next. Turnover in the half year rose from £21.5m to £27.2m, while earnings a share came out at 4.2p against 4.4p.

Mr Leslie Carrier, who heads the group, says that the foundries have met some fall in demand for lighter machine-moulded work. But a strong finish is predicted. The engineering side hopes to hold its ground, but as yet there are no signs of recovery in steel. Profits in total are likely to be slightly less than last year's record £4.6m.

Stock markets

Unilever leads the FT index to new peak

As on the previous two days of the week, strong early gains were cut back by subsequent profit-taking on the London stock market yesterday.

The early sentiment was considerably helped by the Chancellor's overnight remarks on the need to cut public spending and another spur, especially for gilts, was the continuing hope of a cut in *Minimum* Lending Rate on Friday.

In general, Australian shares came back on further consideration of the position there, while a number of major results, notably a better-than-expected third quarter from Unilever, provided the other main features. The Unilever shares closed 6p firmer, at 424p.

The index "high" for the day was reached at 2 pm, with a gain of 4.6, but by the end this had been eroded to 1.6, for a final figure of 371.8.

Lonrho shares are subdued at 106p after 113p a fortnight ago, and ahead of its next profits bulletin. The gloss is off sugar and gold, the search for a foreign domicile is thought to be tough, and the Department of Trade inquiry rumbles on. It will also be interesting to see how motor distribution is going.

Elsewhere among the leaders ICI, with a quarterly due later this month, had another good day, adding 5p to 315p, but others less successful included Glaxo, off 2p to 343p, Beecham, which fell a penny to 321p, and Fisons, which finished at an unchanged 380p.

Company results also put the spotlight on the insurance sector where General Accident closed unchanged at 160p after 155p, after kicking off the season with disappointing results. Sun Alliance were a firm spot at 453p, up 3p, while attractions of price may soon lead investors to look at Refuge where the "A" shares closed a penny firmer at 236p.

Other financial shares saw the discount houses prove a firm market in line with the better trend in gilts. Prominent here were Union Discount, 15p *to the* good at 335p, Cater Ryder, which hardened 5p to 255p, and Allen Harvey & Ross, 20p to 350p. With the exception of the Midland, 2p better to 300p, the clearers were unchanged, though satisfactory figures from Hill Samuel had the shares rising 4p to 119p.

Akroyd & Smithers, the stock jobbers continued their advance, rising 5p to 188p, while Slater Walker were again overlooked and shed another penny to 23p.

In the food sector, results from Sainsbury were a little above the lower end of the market's expectations and initially the shares traded at 155p, only to settle back to 148p, a loss of 2p.

After a £12m rights, Spillers recouped early falls to end unchanged at 47½p, while the record results from the Avana *bakery group after six months* had the shares trading firmly at 16p.

There was some interest in textiles with Courtaulds, off 1p to 152p, and Coats Patons, half a point better at 59½p, both due to report today. Sumrie Clothes lost 3p to 27p after a first-half setback and John Bright firmed a penny to 34p on a better return.

A firm electricals pitch saw twopenny gains for both GEC 142p, and Plessey, 75p, but EMI, still worried by the prospect of competition for its scanners, ended the session 5p down to 216p.

The rapidly falling price of land and the good level of building society funds led investors to turn towards housebuilding *shares which had a very firm* session. Gough Cooper were 4p better at 73p, with Fairview, 57p, and Taylor Woodrow, 307p, also trading at firm levels.

Most notable among the Australian shares to fall back were Bank of NSW, 10p to 630p, *MIM Holdings*, 12p to 200p, and Pan Continental, which shed 45p to 700p. Here the influence was profit-taking.

The best of engineering shares were J. Brockhouse, still reacting to a favourable mention and up 10p to 182p, and GKN, 3p to the good at 250p.

Motor industry shares were led by Smiths Industries, up 7p to 147p ahead of results today, while Lucas still drew strength from its recent return and added 3p to 166p and Rolls-Royce were 1½p better, at 67½p.

The talk is that the approach to Harmo Industries was by Midas Silencers, a subsidiary of Illinois Central Industries, a now-diversified American railway company. The terms are expected to be rather less than the 50p a share already mentioned. The shares were steady at 37p.

In oils, BP 585p and Shell 380p were not moved and golds lacked direction. Both Ladbroke 97p and Matthews Holdings 44½p traded a penny firmer after chairmen's statements, while a half-time loss *from J. Foster clipped 8p to* 20p. Alginate Industries 184p went the other way by the same amount after its half-timer.

R. & G. Cuthbert continued to reflect the disappointment of its return on Tuesday and lost another 1½p to 20½p and the outlining of rationalization plans did not affect Tom Martin Metals at 45p.

In after-hours trading, there was no decided trend with movements of a penny or two in both directions. Banks lost a little ground as did golds.

Increasing speculation about a ¼ point cut in the Minimum Lending Rate this Friday led to active trading in gilts. However, with the Government Broker selling sizable amounts of the medium "tap" stock, market prices did not advance by more than modestly.

Long-dated stocks rose by about an ⅛ point while short-dated stocks rose by about a ¼ point. Dealers reported a fair volume of switching, mostly out of "shorts" into the "medium tap".

The recent fall in United States prime rates, the steadier *position of the pound* on the exchanges and hopes of good trade figures tomorrow, have combined to increase optimism about the possibility of an MLR reduction.

Equity turnover on November 11 was £75.1m (19,795 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, aaccording to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, Rank, Barclays Bank, EMI, Shell, Unilever, Lucas, Lonrho, Debenhams new, British American Tobacco, Bowater, Distillers, Dalgety, Midland Bank, BP, Slater Walker, General Accident, Asso*ciated Engineering, Sainsbury* and Hall-Thermotank.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Alginate (25p) Int	4.0	4.0	2/1	—	12.5
Anglo Scottish Inv (25p) Fin	0.78	0.73		1.4	1.34
Assam-Dooars (£1) Fin	7.73	7.25	—	7.73	7.25
Avana (5p) Int	0.3	Nil	6/1	—	0.26
Bridport-Gundry Fin	0.48	0.48	—	1.03	1.03†
Derritron (10p) Fin	Nil	0.25	—	—	0.25
East Midland All Press (25p) Int	1.06	1.06	7/1	—	2.24
John Foster (25p) Int	Nil	0.84	—	—	3.42
Futura (25p) Int	1.05	1.05	16/1	—	2.45
Hill Samuel (25p) Int	1.36	1.05	—	—	3.53
F. H. Lloyd (25p) Int	1.33	1.25	2/1	—	3.93
Mountview (5p) Int	0.35	0.35	29/3	—	1.00
Tot	1.00	1.00	—	1.00	1.00*
Rakusen (10p) Fin	Nil	0.33	—	Nil	0.33
J. Sainsbury (25p) Int	1.65	1.5	6/1	—	4.5
Sumrie (20p) Int	Nil	1.19	—	—	3.08

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Buiness News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Forecast for year. † Adjusted for scrip.

No Rakusen payout

Having returned to the dividend list yast year with 0.5p gross, Rakusen Group, (property development and food), is not paying a dividend for the year to *June 30* because of the need to strengthen liquidity. Pre-tax profits are up from £102,000 to £111,000, on turnover of £1.9m, against £1.5m. Earnings a share are 1.08p, against 0.97p, and assets a share from 16.24p to 17.27p.

Bigger borrowing for Soviet trade

A Eurocurrency loan under syndication for the Soviet Foreign Trade Bank is likely to be increased to $400m (just over £200m) from $300m. The *loan carries interest of* 1¼ *points* above Interbank Eurodollar rates. Lending banks will also receive fees of between ⅛ per cent and ¼ per cent.

The three main managers—Citicorp International Bank, Moscow Narodny, and Société Générale—are believed to have agreed to underwrite $50m each. Once the loan is com*pleted*, the Comecon's International Bank for Economic Cooperation is expected to seek a loan of $200-300m.

Unilever

The Directors of Unilever announce the results for the third quarter and for the first nine months of 1975, and the interim Ordinary dividends in respect of 1975.

As has been our practice the results for the quarter and the first nine months and the comparative figures for 1974 have been calculated at comparable rates of exchange being based on £1 = Fl.5.90 = U.S.$2.32, which were the closing rates for 1974. Profit attributable to ordinary capital for the current quarter and the first nine months has also been recalculated at the rates of exchange current at the end of September 1975 being based on £1 = Fl.5.58 = U.S.$2.04.

Combined Results (£ millions)

Third Quarter 1975	Third Quarter 1974	Inc./(Dec.)		Nine Months 1975	Nine Months 1974	Inc./(Dec.)
			SALES TO THIRD PARTIES			
1,559	1,463	+7%	—Combined	4,619	4,270	+8%
698	607		—Limited	2,016	1,756	
861	856		—N.V.	2,603	2,514	
116.3	87.4	+33%	**OPERATING PROFIT**	232.0	284.5	—(18%)
(3.2)	(.1)		Non-recurring items	(5.6)	(.1)	
2.8	.5		Income from trade investments	4.5	2.0	
(7.0)	(8.6)		Interest	(25.3)	(16.7)	
(9.3)	(5.8)		Interest on loan capital	(23.8)	(14.7)	
2.3	(2.8)		Other interest	(1.5)	(2.0)	
108.9	79.2	+38%	**PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION**	205.6	269.7	—(24%)
(54.1)	(36.5)		Taxation on profit of the year	(107.6)	(127.0)	
(.7)	(.3)		Taxation adjustments previous years	.1	(.9)	
(7.8)	(3.9)		Outside interests and preference dividends	(15.5)	(13.2)	
(7.1)	(3.2)		Outside interests	(13.4)	(11.1)	
(.7)	(.7)		Preference dividends	(2.1)	(2.1)	
46.3	38.5	+20%	Profit attributable to ordinary capital at rates of exchange ruling 31/12/74	82.6	128.6	—(36%)
1.4			Difference arising on recalculation of 1975 results at end September *1975 rates of exchange*	1.9		
47.7	38.5	+24%	**PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY CAPITAL**	84.5	128.6	—(34%)
24.1	16.6		—Limited	54.2	48.5	
23.6	21.9		—N.V.	30.3	80.1	
12.84p	10.37p	+24%	Earnings per 25p of Capital	22.75p	34.63p	—(34%)

The improvement in the level of operating profit which started in the second quarter was maintained in the third quarter, and results were well above those of 1974. However, the recession in Europe continued to have an adverse effect on demand for many of our products.

In Europe, profits from edible fats began to recover, assisted by the lower level of raw material prices, but were still below those of the third quarter of 1974. Sales and profits from detergents and toilet preparations were higher than last year. Demand for chemicals, paper, plastics and packaging lagged considerably behind, and so did results. Our meat and dairy products businesses each operated at a loss in total. Ice cream sales benefited from the good summer weather and profits were excellent. Results from frozen and most other foods were slightly above last year.

Our operations in the United States and Canada were satisfactory. Other countries outside Europe in total again showed improved sales and higher profits. UAC International's results for the quarter were particularly good.

The increase in profit attributable to ordinary capital was smaller than the increase in operating profit, since the level of taxation on profit remained higher than last year, and the proportion of profit attributable to outside interests also increased.

Although profits have improved significantly, and results for the fourth quarter should also exceed those of last year, profits for the year as a whole will not reach the 1974 level.

DIVIDENDS
The Boards today declared interim dividends in respect of 1975 on the Ordinary capitals at the following rates which are equivalent in value at today's rate of exchange in terms of the Equalisation Agreement between the two companies:

LIMITED	N.V.
per 25p	per Fl.20
Ordinary share	Ordinary capital
5.24p	Fl.2.93
(1974: 4.85p)	(1974: Fl.2.93)

In the case of N.V. the interim dividend will be paid on 18th December, 1975.

Of LIMITED's interim dividend, an amount of 3.80p per share will be paid on 2nd January, 1976 to shareholders registered in the books of the company at close of business on 11th December, 1975.

In gross equivalent terms (i.e. after adding Advance Corporation Tax at the current rate), this payment of 3.80p per share will represent an increase of approximately 10 per cent over the corresponding payment a year ago (3.57p), but is less than the dividend LIMITED has to declare in order to comply with the Equalisation Agreement.

The balance of LIMITED's 1975 interim dividend, amounting to 1.44p per share, and the deferred part of the 1974 final dividend, amounting to 5.99p per share, making a total of 7.43p per share, will be paid when circumstances permit to holders of Ordinary capital now in issue registered at the time of payment.

For the purpose of equalising LIMITED's and N.V.'s dividends under the Agreement, the Advance Corporation Tax in respect of any dividend paid by LIMITED has to be treated as part of the dividend. The figures now announced for LIMITED's dividends have been calculated by reference to the current rate of Advance Corporation Tax: if the rate is changed before payment of these dividends has been completed, the figures will be adjusted accordingly and a further announcement made.

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Loss from John Foster but recovery under way

Yorkshire spinner and weaver John Foster plunged into a pre-tax loss in the half year to August 29 after tough going the previous year. But the board looks to better things in the second half when there should be "modest" profits.

In the six months to August 29 turnover fell from £5.5m to £4.12m, and the loss before tax *amounted to £275,000 against* a profit of £247,000. The interim dividend is passed, against 0.84p. No provision has yet been made for the proportion, estimated at some £25,000, attributable to John Foster & Son of a loss on the sale of a trade investment by the Australian subsidiary.

The latest half reflects the downturn in activity and the acute pressure on margins foreseen in the annual statement.

Pre-tax profits in the preceding 12 months dropped from £1.2m to £494,000. It was then *hoped that destocking, particularly* in Japan, would soon end.

effectively block the further payments provided for. Meantime, from the initial payment, the company has discharged all its unsecured creditors.

Referring to the troubled Kirkby Manufacturing & Engineering (tenant of one of its properties), the chairman could not say whether his board would agree to a sale because further state money was not available to the Kirkby cooperative for the acquisition. Other ways however might be found.

First-half spurt at Hill Samuel

"Considerably" higher profits in the six months to September 30 than in the corresponding period are reported by merchant banker Hill Samuel Group. All leading activities, including shipping and insurance, contributed. The interim payment is 2.1p gross against *1.57p*.

Last year's full-time results to March 31 were slightly above forecast at £5.74m compared with £7.14m. Sir Kenneth Keith, chairman, believed the group was well poised to take advantage of any upturn in world trade. As known, in June it recovered some $16.3m of its Herstat losses and in September gained judgment in its *claim against the Bundesbank* for the whole of its remaining losses.

Brighter IPD may seek re-listing

Brighter tidings, including a possible re-listing of its shares, come from International Property Development. It says that "after a succession of seemingly endless difficulties", the board's "confidence and determination has been justified". Mr H. W. King, chairman, tells shareholders that completion of the agreement for the sale of its Trinidad lands and other assets of the Government there to immediate repatriation of the initial payment, stipulations

Edward Bates in big recovery

Half-time results from Edward Bates, the merchant banker in which a Saudi Arabian consortium owns 25 per cent with an option on a further 15 per cent, show a healthy return to profits. After losing £497,000 in the first six months *of last year, it now reports a* £299,000 pre-tax profit for the half year to September 30. There is an extraordinary gain of £25,000 against a debit the previous year of £12.5m. The *net profit is £150,000 compared* with a loss of £731,000. The group says its rebuilding process with the "close cooperation of our Arab friends" continues, and events of the past two months confirm the company's cautiously optimistic view expressed in September. But it has not restored the interim dividend.

Chas Clifford board is reshuffled

A shake up of the board of Charles Clifford Industries, a *metals company, has followed* an abortive bid for Evered & Co (it was called off by mutual agreement because of the depressed metals market) and a disappointing trading record *over the past two years*.

Mr J. R. Allen, chairman of Metal Products (Willenhall), now in receivership, has resigned his directorship, as did Mr P. Rowe and Mr C. Hayes earlier in the year.

Invitations to join the board have been issued and accepted by Mr C. C. Cooper, chairman of Cooper Industries, another metals group; Mr D. Sandry, a former partner in Price Waterhouse, the company's auditors: Mr W. Stanton, deputy chairman of the company's metallization subsidiary; and Mr C. Tyler, a partner in Wragge & Co, the company's solicitors.

Chairmen's reports are on page 24

Overseas

Gulf and Veba will not get together

In a statement in London *yesterday Gulf Oil said it had* ended cooperation talks with Veba of West Germany. The two companies had decided, in the light of "changed conditions" now prevailing, to cease further discussions on the establishment of "broad cooperative arrangements in the international energy field". The pair had signed letters of *intent in March*.

Alusuisse fall

Zurich, Nov 12.—Schweizerische Aluminium AG (Alusuisse) parent company and group earnings deteriorated sharply during the first nine months of the year, the board president Herr Emanuel Meyer said. In the prospectus for the company's 100m franc loan he said that 1975 cash-flow would be slightly under half the 95.7m francs last year for the parent company.

The company's earnings posi*tion was* particularly affected by the state of the aluminium sector in the United States and Germany. Group sales to third parties in the first nine months fell by about a third.—Reuter.

General Accident

Nine months' results

Interim Statement

The results for the nine months ended 30th September 1975, estimated and subject to audit, are compared below with those for the similar period in 1974, which are restated at 31st December 1974 rates of exchange; also shown are the actual results for the full year 1974.

It must be emphasised that the results for the interim period do not necessarily provide a reliable indication of those for the full year.

	9 months to 30.9.75 Estimate £ millions	9 months to 30.9.74 Estimate £ millions	Year 1974 Actual £ millions
Net written premiums—			
General business	345.3	279.5	372.8
Investment Income	30.6	25.3	35.0
Underwriting Results—			
General business	—20.4	—0.5	—13.5
Long Term Insurance Profits	1.2	1.0	1.5
	11.4	25.8	23.0
Loan and Bank Interest	1.2	1.2	1.6
Profit before Tax & Minority Interests	10.2	24.6	21.4
Principal Exchange rates used in converting overseas results:			
U.S.A.	$2.04	$2.35	$2.35
Canada	$2.09	$2.32	$2.32

Net written premiums and investment income adjusted to exclude effects of currency fluctuations show increases of 15.5% and 12.0% respectively.

Third quarter underwriting experience was marked by a sub*stantial loss in the United Kingdom making a total of £8.6* million for the nine months. Further losses in the U.S.A., aggregating to £10.4 million at 30th September, more than accounted for the remainder of the third quarter loss, there being small profits in Australia, Europe and South Africa.

Most departments contributed to the United Kingdom deterioration and the Property Account was particularly, if exceptionally, disappointing.

In the United States the *operating ratio* was 107.41% as compared with 97.85% for the same period in 1974. A slightly improving trend has continued into the third quarter when the ratio was 105.74%, those for the first and second quarters being 109.39% and 107.22% respectively.

General Accident

General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corporation Ltd.
World Headquarters, General Buildings, Perth, Scotland.

CIAL NEWS

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Doland's turnover moved from £1.18m to £1.37m in the half year to July 31. Sales since then have been satisfactory. The pre-tax profit was steady at £62,000 (£57,000). If Christmas trade is as good as last, the full year's profits to January 31 should match 1974-1975s £170,000 before tax.

Assam-Dooars climb to £1.22m pre-tax

Assam-Dooars is the latest tea company to report cheerfully. The big upswing in 1974 trading results forecast turns out to *be almost trebled pre-tax profits* of £1.22m, against £451,000 in 1973, themselves a big rise on the year before. The dividend rises from10.82p gross to 11:91p.

In an interim report in March, the board told shareholders that the most striking feature of season 1974 had been the strength of the market both in London and Calcutta. Margins were then at a "very satisfactory level".

Decline at Derritron

Pre-tax profits at Derritron, the Sussex-based maker of electronic equipment in which Amalgamated Industrials has 60 per cent, fell from £100,000 to £74,000 for the year ended April 30. There is no dividend against 0.37p last year. Turnover rose from £1.88m to £2.39m. After deducting tax and special items of £45,000 (nil last year) the group reports a loss of £4,000, compared with a £51,000 profit. The loss at Reslosound was larger than expected and the Romford *manufacturing unit is* being relocated and the product range cut back.

Fidelity rescue hope

The possibility of rescuing Fidelity Life Assurance from liquidation now rests on a decision of the Ministry. This in turn depends on revised guarantees from the United States parent being accepted by the Department of Trade, a spokesman for the receivers' special managers said yesterday.

Meanwhile the High Court has adjourned for three weeks the department's petition for winding-up after hearing that Fidelity Corporation Inc might be prepared to inject substantial further capital into Fidelity Life.

EMAP meets reverse in first half year

A downturn in local advertising at East Midland Allied Press was offset by a higher contribution from EMAP National *Publications. Pre-tax profits in* the 28 weeks to October 11 slipped from £370,000 to £316,000, though turnover rose from £5.1m to £5.9m. Interest charges jumped from £2,000 to £79,000, inflating the cost of the investment programme at Kettering and King's Lynn.

The board says the programme is due to be completed in the next six months, with the new Kettering plant operating from early next year. Earnings a share eased from 3.2p to 2.9p. The interim dividend is 1.58p again but the directors will consider an increase in the final (1.82p last time) when results for the full year are known.

Lilleshall

Trading profit of Lilleshall rose slightly from £320,000 to £324,000 in the 26 weeks to June 28, but increases in depreciation and interest charges brought the pre-tax level down from £212,000 to £198,000 and the "available" from £141,000 to £83,000. This steep fall is because of provision for estimated losses in the winding-up of activities in structural engineering and building block manufacture. Liquidity however has thereby been greatly improved. The half-time payment is a 1.46p gross (1.42p).

John Bright still moving ahead

After a big rise in profits in 1974-75, Rochdale-based John Bright Group is still advancing. On turnover up from £7.28m to £9.04m, pre-tax profits rose from £567,000 to £605,000 in the half-year to October 4.

SUMITOMO ISSUE

Among the international syndicate which will manage the Sumitomo Heavy Industries $15m guaranteed note issue is Sumitomo White Weld.

SUREGAIN SECURITIES

Suregain Securities on October 31 disposed of 235,677 Gloucester and Cheltenham Greyhounds' ordinary shares (25.5 per cent). These shares were privately placed *in accordance with arrangement of the maintenance of the listing referred to in offer document of* October 7.

Suregain now own 550,000 ordinary shares (59.6 per cent).

FUTURA HOLDINGS

First nine months' profits are less than for similar period of 1974. Board expects year's trading profit to exceed £125,000, but be less than 1974's £189,000.

FAIRDALE TEXTILES

Turnover for 26 weeks to August 2, £2.54m (£2.18m). Pre-tax profit, £161,000 (£178,000).

Otis finally gives in as UTC raises offer

A sweetening of the offer by United Technologies Corporation has finally led Otis Elevator to surrender after its month old defensive battle. United raised the bidding by $2 to $44 a share.

As part of the agreement settling the bitter battle, Otis will terminate all litigation started against the United offer in New York and Indianapolis, and United is also to withdraw its own counter actions. It is thought that the unopposed offer will bring in as many as 7m of Otis's 8.1m outstanding common shares—more than 85 per cent of the total. The total costs to United would be around 308m (about £154m).

The offer expires on Friday, and United has begun paying for the shares. All will be acquired for the $44 amended price.

Meanwhile, the Otis board said it would not recommend acceptance or rejection to its stockholders. It also added that "in view of the time constraints, another large United States corporation that emerged only on Monday as a possible competitor in a bid for Otis had terminated its interest". The name was not revealed, but it is confirmed that such a company approached several banks to finance a possible purchase. —AP-DJ.

Alginate growth checked and outlook unexciting

Alginate Industries, which exploits that other undersea asset seaweed, will probably not match last year's record profit of £1.7m before tax *this year. Profits for the six* months to June 30 are down slightly from £801,000 to £795,000 and the group does not foresee much recovery in the second half.

Moreover, Mr W. R. Merton, the chairman, says that prospects for an increase next year will largely depend on an upturn in world trade.

He confirms his warning in the 1974 accounts that the dividend total this year may not be held at 12.5p net (18.6p gross). Meanwhile the interim is raised from 5.96p gross to 6.16p.

Turnover for the half year rose from £3.92m to £4.21m, so margins fell from 20.4 per cent to 18.8 per cent. Earnings a share were 6.84p against 7.32p. But worse was expected, and the shares rose 8p to 184p.

On trading, Mr W. Merton says the weakness in demand for Alginates has continued into the autumn, although there has been a slight improvement recently. Full working was resumed at both factories at the beginning of November.

Briefly

TENNECO DIVESTING

Tenneco of Texas is negotiating sale of large part of its Canadian oil and gas lands to Canada Development Corp. a government agency for $C114m (£56m). It would retain rights to explore Canadian arctic isles and Labrador offshore.—Reuter.

NAMPAK TALKS

Johannesburg.—Talks between Reed International, St Regis Paper of the United States and National Amalgamated Packaging (Nampack) for the acquisition by Reed of St Regis's 17 per cent shareholding in Nampack have reached an advanced stage, Union Acceptances said here.—Reuter.

$25M LOAN FOR NICARAGUA

Amex Bank and First Chicago Panama, SA, have announced the *signing in London of a $25m* medium-term loan for the Republic of Nicaragua. Other managers in this loan include Bankers Trust SA, Marine Midland Bank—New York and Toronto Dominion de Panama SA. Participating banks, among others, are Bank of Montreal (Bahamas and Caribbean), First Pennsylvania Bank SA and The Royal Bank of Canada International.

ESANDA

Esanda, the finance subsidiary of Australia and New Zealand Banking Group, reports a net profit after tax of $A12,917,000 for the year ended September 30 —an increase of 64 per cent. Net receivables moved to $A582m at September 30—an increase of 13.5 per cent.

LOCAL AUTHORITY BONDS

Brokers Phillips & Drew with issuing house Morgan Grenfell have placed the following local authority bonds for payment on November 12, 1975, 11⅞ per cent bonds, at 100, due November 17, 1976: London Borough of Enfield £1m; Gravesham Borough Council, £500,000; Islwyn Borough Council, £500,000; Newark District Council, £500,000; North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council, £1.5m. And in association with Union Discount have placed: Redditch District Council, £500,000.

SWEDISH BANK IN LONDON

One of Sweden's largest banks, PK-Banken, Stockholm, and its London affiliate, United International Bank (UIB), announce that PK-Banken will be opening a representative office in London. The office will be at the premises of United International Bank.

STONEHILL US SUCCESS

Stonehill Furniture International, the newly-formed export subsidiary of Stonehill Holdings Group, has launched an American sales drive with encouraging initial results for its "Stateroom" collection of domestic furniture. A showroom has been opened in the New York Furniture Exchange and agents have been appointed *in Los Angeles.*

ANGLO SCOTTISH INVESTMENT

Net profits £438,000 (£427,000), turnover £957,000 (£1.1m) for year ended September 30. Earnings a share 1.52p (1.49p). Final dividend 1.20p (1.09p). Company proposes scrip issue of 115,000 "B" shares.

QUEEN STREET WAREHOUSE

At adjourned separate class meeting of "A" ordinary shareholders and at adjourned meeting of loan stockholders extraordinary resolutions were passed approving scheme of capital reconstruction. Application will now be made to the court for approval and scheme should become effective by end-January.

TONGKAH HARBOUR TIN

Second interim 23.0769 per cent gross, making 35.3846 per cent gross (44.776 per cent gross). Pre-tax profit for year to June 30 (Malaysian) $2,964,358 ($5,181,078). No final will be paid.

Street

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Volume totalled

23,960,000 shares compared with 14,640,000 yesterday.

Brokers attributed an early surge to a statement by Dr Arthur Burns, Federal Reserve chairman, yesterday that he was nearing the conclusion that New York City needed federal assistance.

The brokers said the gain also was helped by support for a programme to provide a federal loan guarantee to the city and by moves between the city and New York State to avert default.—AP-Dow Jones.

Nov 12	Nov 11		Nov 12	Nov 11
33	31⅞	Ford	44⅛	42⅞
46	45⅞	G.A.F. Corp.	10⅞	10¾
3⅞	3⅞	Gamble Skogmo	21⅛	21½
12⅞	12¾	Gen. Dynam.	47¼	40⅝
38¾	36⅞	Gen. Electric	49½	48⅞
47¾	47¾	Gen Foods	25¾	27¾
15⅞	15⅞	Gen. Instr.	8⅛	7⅞
7⅞	7½	Gen. Mills	29¼	29⅛
35	33⅞	Gen. Motors	57½	56⅝
22	21⅜	Gen Pub Util N.Y.	16⅞	16¼
30⅞	30¼	Gen. Tel. El.	24⅞	24⅛
26¼	25⅞	Gen. Tire	16½	16⅜
20⅞	20⅞	Genesco	5⅜	5½
33¾	34½	Georgia Pac	44⅛	43¾
5⅞	5⅞	Getty Oil	150½	166½
30⅝	31⅞	Gillette	32½	31⅞
14½	14¾	Goodrich	16⅞	18⅛
51	50¼	Goodyear	22¾	21⅞
20⅜	20¼	Gould, Inc.	30	29⅞
16¼	16½	Grace	25½	25½
22½	23¼	Gt. At. & Pac.	11	10⅞
12⅞	12⅞	Greyhound	13⅞	13⅞
20⅞	20	Grumman Cp.	13¼	12⅞
13⅞	22½	Gulf Oil	21⅞	21⅛
5⅞	5⅞	Gulf Wn. Ind.	21⅜	21½
5¼	44⅞	Heinz, H. J.	51⅞	51⅞
6	17⅞	Hercules	28¼	28⅜
1⅞	19	Honeywell	35¼	34½
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7⅞	27	Ingersoll	69¼	68¼
1¼	23⅞	Inland Steel	37¼	37½
7¼	16⅞	I.B.M.	224¼	219⅜
1¼	43⅜	Int. Harv.	24½	24¼
9¼	30¼	Int. Nickel	25¼	24⅞
4½	25⅜	Int. Paper	56⅞	54⅜
2⅞	22¼	Int. Tel. Tel.	22⅝	21¼
7⅞	27¾	Jewel Co	20⅞	20⅝
9⅞	19½	Jim Walter	34⅞	33
9½	68⅝	Johns Manv.	22⅞	21⅞
1⅞	12	Johnson & John	91⅞	91⅛
9⅞	9⅞	Kaiser Alum.	25¼	25
7⅞	28⅞	Kennecott	29¼	29
3⅞	32¼	Kerr McGee	73¾	75½
9¾	76⅞	Kimb. Clk.	36⅞	35⅜
5¾	34⅞	Kraftco Cp.	44½	44⅜
3⅞	23⅜	Kresge S.S.	35	34⅜
1	70¼	Kroger	17¼	16⅝
6	46½	Ligg. Myer	30	29⅜
5⅞	15⅜	L.T.V.	10⅞	10¾
2½	22	Litton	6⅞	6¾
7⅞	25⅜	Lockheed	7⅞	7¼
10¼	26⅝	Lucky Stores	15½	15¼
27⅞	33⅜	Manuf Hanover	27⅞	27
10½	10½	Mapco	35⅞	34½
9⅞	29⅜	Marathon Oil	44	41⅞
9	29½	Marcor Inc.	26½	25⅞
6⅞	26¼	Marine Mid.	17⅞	16¼
5½	8¾	Martin Mar.	15¼	15⅜
2⅞	28⅞	McDonnell	15⅝	15¼
6	48⅞	Mead	17¼	17
3	23	Merck	78¼	77⅞
5⅞	35¼	Minn. Min.	60¼	58⅜
1	30⅞	Mobil Oil	46⅝	45½
2⅞	12¼	Monsanto	80⅞	79⅞
1⅛	19⅜	Morgan, J. P.	53½	50¼
9⅞	19⅜	Motorola	42⅞	42
9⅞	29	NCR Corp	24¼	23⅞
9	57¼	NL Ind	12⅞	13½
9¼	19	Nat. Bisc.	41¼	41⅛
0⅞	40⅞	Nat. Distill.	16⅞	16⅞
7⅞	47¼	Nat. Steel	36	36
4	44⅞	Norfolk West	66⅞	65½
7½	22⅜	NW Bancor	44⅞	44½
8	37⅞	Norton Simon	22¼	21⅞
9	26⅞	Occ. Pet.	14⅞	14⅜
1⅞	60	Ogden	15⅞	16
7⅜	26	Olin Corp.	29⅞	28⅞
3⅜	33	Otis Elev.	44⅜	44¼
3⅜	13½	Owens Ill.	50⅞	49⅞
2¼	50⅜	Pac. Gas. El.	21	21
1⅞	91⅞	Pan. Am.	5⅞	4⅞
9⅞	57	Penn. Cent.	1⅜	1½
8¼	19⅞	Penney J C	54½	54⅞
6⅞	125⅜	Pennzoil	20⅞	20½
4¼	3⅞	Pepsico	72¼	70⅞
7⅞	105	Pet Corp	26⅞	26⅞
4⅞	29	Pfizer	30¼	30⅜
1⅞	33⅜	Phelps Dod.	33⅞	33⅞
5⅜	16⅜	Philip Mor.	53⅜	52½
1½	29⅜	Phill. Pet.	51⅞	50
1¼	4⅛	Polaroid	37¼	37½
0½	87⅞	P.P.G. Ind.	33	33
5	53½	Proc. Gamble	93⅜	91
2½	22⅞	Pub.Ser.El & Gas	19½	19⅜
7⅞	16¼	Pullman	24½	24
1¼	22⅜	Rapid American	5¾	5⅞
1½	14⅜	Raytheon	48¼	48¼

	Nov 12	Nov 11
RCA Corp	19⅞	19⅜
Repub. Steel	28⅜	28⅝
Reynolds Ind.	59⅞	59½
Reynolds Metal	21½	21¼
Rockwell Int.	22⅝	22½
Royal Dutch	36⅜	36½
Safeways	43⅝	43¼
St. Regis	33⅜	33½
Santa Fe Ind	30¼	29⅞
SCM	11	11
Schlumbgr.	70	68⅞
Scott. Paper	15	15⅜
Seaboard Coast	21⅞	20½
Seagram	28	27⅞
Sears Roe.	73⅞	73⅜
Shell Oil	51	50½
Shell Trans.	31⅞	31⅞
Signal Co	14⅞	14½
Singer	10	10⅞
Sony	10⅞	10¾
Sth Cal Edison	18⅝	18⅞
Southern Pac.	29¼	29⅜
Southern Rly.	51⅛	51½
Sperry Rand	44	44
Squibb	38⅞	38
Std. Brands	36⅝	36¼
Std. Oil Cal.	25¼	25⅜
Std. Oil Ind.	43⅞	42¼
Std. Oil Ohio	71	66½
Sterling Drug	18½	18¼
Stevens J.P.	18⅞	16
Stude Worth	38	37½
Sunbeam Cp.	21⅞	21¼
Sundstrand	16¼	16⅛
Sun Oil	29⅜	28⅞
Teledyne	21⅞	21⅜
Tenneco	24⅜	24⅜
Texaco	23½	23⅜
Texas East Trans	29	28
Texas Inst	100⅞	96⅞
Texas Utilities	21½	21¼
Textron	21⅞	21⅞
T.W.A.	6⅝	6⅞
Travelers Gp.	23⅞	23½
T.R.W. Inc.	25¼	25⅞
U.A.L. Inc.	26½	25⅜
Unilever Ltd.	34⅛	34⅞
Unilever N.V.	40½	40¼
Unionamerica	1⅜	1⅜
Union Bancorp	8⅞	8⅞
Union Carb.	58¼	58⅛
Un. Oil Cal.	43⅜	43½
Un. Pacific Corp.	76½	75¼
Uniroyal	8⅝	8⅞
United Brands	5¼	5
Utd Merch & Man	14	14
U.S. Industries	3⅞	3⅞
U.S. Steel	60	59½
Utd Technol	49⅞	49⅞
Wachovia	18½	18
Warner Comm	19½	18⅞
Warner Lambert	36	36½
Wells Fargo	15¼	15½
West'n Bancorp	15⅞	16
Westghs El.	13¼	12
Weyerhaeuser	36¼	36⅞
Whirlpool	28¼	28⅜
White Motor	5⅜	5¼
Woolworth	19⅜	19⅜
Xerox Cp.	56⅞	55¼
Zenith	25⅜	25

Canadian Prices

	Nov 12	Nov 11
Abitibi	8¼	8¼
Alcan	21⅞	21
Alg. Steel	28	29⅞
Asbestos	19½	19⅜
Bell Tel.	43⅝	44
Can. Sup. Oil	43	42½
Can. Inv. Fd.	4.36	4.56
Cominco	33½	34¼
Cons. Bat.	25	24⅜
Falconbridge	28	27¼
Gulf Oil	29⅞	28
Hawker Can.	6.37	6.25
Hud. Bay Min	16⅞	16⅜
Hud. Bay Oil	37½	35⅞
I.A.C. Ltd.	18½	18¼
Imasco	28⅜	27½
Imp. Oil	23½	23⅜
Int. Pipe	12	12⅜
Mass.-Fergsn.	18¼	17½
Power Cp.	7⅞	7⅞
Price Bros.	14⅛	14⅜
Royal Trust	21⅞	21
Seagram	28⅜	27⅞
Steel Co.	29½	27⅞
Tex. Can.	29⅞	26
Trans. Mnt. Oil	10¼	10⅛
Walker H.	27⅞	27⅞
W.C.T.	22	22

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Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.0637; three months, $2.0385; Canadian dollar, 98.79c.

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355. Nov, 76.15c nominal; Dec, 75.90-73.50c; March, 75.80-75.40c; May, 76.40-76.25c; July, 77.00c; Sept, 77.85-78.00c.

COTTON.—Prices closed about 0.05c up to 0.10c down. Turnover was estimated at 4,000.—Dec, 52.72-52.80c; March, 54.30-54.35c; May, 55.10-55.15c; July, 55.70c; Oct, 55.70-55.80c; Dec, 55.85c; March, 56.15-56.25c.

WOOL.—Grease wool and Crossbred were again unsold. Closing bids in both were unchanged to 0.19c up. GREASE WOOL.—Spot, 167.0c nominal; Dec, 155.0-158.0c; March, 150.0-158.0c; May, 148.0-155.0c; July, 146.0-153.0c; Oct, 145.0-150.0c; Dec, 145.0-150.0c; March, 140.0c. CROSSBRED.—Spot, 84.0c nominal; Dec, 80.0-90.0c; March, 80.0-88.0c; May, 80.0c; July, 81.0-88.0c; Oct, 76.0-85.0c; Dec, 75.0c; March, 70.0c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. — Soyabean futures closed 3c to 5½c higher. Meal ceased about $1.40 while oil added 0.10c to 0.35c. SOYABEANS.—Nov, 481-479c; Jan, 487-485c; March, 494½-495½c; May, 502-502½c; July, 506-507c; Aug, 507½c; Sept, 509-510c; Nov, 509c; Jan, 518c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—Dec, $127.50-127.30; Jan, $128.00-128.50c; March, $130.50-130.00c. SOYABEAN OIL.—Dec, 19.00-19.05c; Jan, 19.00-18.90c; March, 18.90-18.95c; May, 18.90-19.00c; July, 18.95c; Aug, 18.95c; Sept, 18.85c; Oct, 18.70-18.80c.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed easy 4c to 6½c lower: Dec, 350-351c; March, 364-363c; May, 368c; July, 367c. MAIZE closed easy 1c to 1½c higher. Dec, 261¾-265½c; March, 273¾-273½c; May, 278¾-278½c; July, 275½-275c; Sept, 270c; Dec, 262½c; March, 269½c. OATS closed firm, ½c to 2½c higher. Dec, 155½-153½c; March, 153½-153½c; May, 149½c; July, 146½c.

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Chairmen report

Rationalization at Tom Martin

More streamlining is announced by Tom Martin Metals Group, the Blackburn-based metal merchant and processor. The group has reclaimed seven acres of land at its subsidiary Tame Valley Alloys and closed the foil plant. The move spells a "*considerable*" reduction in the labour force, but the group says it will save on overheads and strengthen liquidity. The changes involve *selling a number of properties.* A new company, TVA Silver Extractors, has been formed. It will be sole distributor of United States manufactured machines for reclaiming silver from various waste products. The board says this will add considerably to profits.

"Johnnies" loan policy

Present borrowing by Johannesburg Consolidated Investment was not excessive in relation to assets, Sir Albert Robinson, chairman, told the annual meeting. The *company has long-term loans totalling* R79m (£41m) and recently borrowed R25m more. He told questioners that borrowing over the next five years was likely to be cut to R40m.—Reuter.

M. Burton Property

The current development programme of Montague Burton Property Investment can be financed from existing resources. Mr R. M. Burton says. In line with the board's policy of self-funding, the group repaid the £2m loan from Burton Group during the year to August 31. The bank overdraft is £4.5m, against £3.3m.

A recent revaluation of group investment properties shows a fall of 13.4 per cent from book values. *This equals a fall of* 9.7p a share in asset value.

Anzani still cautious

"A note of caution" for 1976, after last year' £1.64m loss, is sounded by Mr Gerald Faull, head of British Anzani. But he also points out that a large part of the developments which pushed net borrowings at end-March up from £12m to £18.56m has now been completed. After a £753,000 write-down on properties held for resale, the balance-sheet shows net asset value at 25.1p a share. *However, auditors Wheawill & Sudworth* are unable to express an opinion on the correctness of some of the property valuations.

Ladbroke looks good

Mr Cyril Stein, chairman of Ladbroke, said yesterday *that* group profits for the current year were "running to plan". He sees no reason for changing his earlier forecast of another record year. Pre-tax profits last year were £10.07m on a turn*over of £254.67m. The group* recently formed a new housebuilding subsidiary for a development near Swindon and Mr Stein added that further developments on this front will be announced within the next few days. Yesterday, holders approved amendments to the group's proposed alteration of its warrant conditions including *a reduction in the subscription* price from 90.6p to 85.6p a share.

Chamberlin & Hill

Reflecting a good contribu*tion from offshoot Conduit Fit*ting, light grey iron founder Chamberlin & Hill turns in pretax profits up from £188,000 to £212,000 for the half year to September 30. Turnover rose from £1.86m to £2.28m.

The interim dividend is 1p against 0.9p. Demand for the products of the Walsall and Lichfield foundries, however, *fell away after a good "start".* Though there are signs of improvement, prospects are uncertain.

TAKEDA CHEMICAL

Sales for half-year to September 30, *136.035m yen* (130,132m yen) Pre-tax profits, 8.445m yen (11.614m yen). Interim held at 3.75 yen.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank	11%
First London Secs	11%
C. Hoare & Co.	*11%
Lloyds Bank	11%
Midland Bank	11%
Nat Westminster	11%
Rossminster Acc's	11%
Shenley Trust	12½%
20th Century Bank	12½%
Williams & Glyn's	11%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 7½%, up to £25,000, 7¾%, over £25,000, [illegible]

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
55	26	Armitage & Rhodes	27	—	3.0	11.1	7.1
98	94	Deborah Services	97	—	7.5	7.7	5.1
134	90	Henry Sykes	133	—	4.9	3.7	8.9
61	18	Twinlock Ord	22	—	0.9	4.2	5.4
66	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	54	—	12.0	22.2	—
62	48	Unilock Holdings	60	—	4.5	7.5	11.6

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981	103	104
Air France 9¼ 1982	101	102
Airlease 8¾ 1983	88	89
ARDB 9¾ 1980	99¾	100¼
Ashland 8 1987	90	91
Barclays Bank 9¼ 1982	100	101
BFCE 9 1980	100¼	101¼
Broken Hill Prop 9¾ 1981	101½	102½
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	85	86
Burlington 7¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] 8 1987	88	89
CECA 8¾ 1982	[illegible]	100¼
Chevron 7 1980	[illegible]	93
Conoco 7 1980	[illegible]	93
Conoco 8 1980	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Foods 7¾ 1991	85	87
CSR 9¾ 1980	100	101
Curacao Tokyo 9¾ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1982	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dana 8 1987	89	90
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	81	82
DSM 9¾ 1980	101	102
EIB 9 1980	100¾	101¾
EIB 9¾ 1985	100	101
Escom 9¾ 1980	[illegible]	[illegible]
Escom 10¼ 1982	[illegible]	100¼
Exxon Floating Rate 1982	[illegible]	[illegible]
First Chicago 7 1980	[illegible]	[illegible]
GATX 8¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gould 9¾ 1985	99	100
Guardian Royal 8 1987	78	79
Gulf and Western 9¾ 1980	102	103
ICI 7¾ 1992	80	83
International Util 8¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motorola 8 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
New Zealand 9 1980	101¼	102¼
New Zealand 9¼ 1982	100¼	101¼
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	102	103
Nippon Steel 9¾ 1980	[illegible]	100¼
NA Rockwell 8¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Occidental 10 1981	100	101
Ontario Hydro 9 1980	100¾	101¾
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	[illegible]	90
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	102¼	103¼
Pennwalt 8 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shell 7¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Singer 11 1977	100	101
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	105	104
Standard Oil 8¾ 1980	101	102
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	98	[illegible]
Standard Oil 8¾ 1983	99	100
Stockgoreas 9¾ 1980	[illegible]	100
Sybron 8 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Textron 7¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	92	93
Williams & Glyns 6¾ 1987	78	81
DM BONDS		
CIP 8¾ 1985	[illegible]	100¼
Denmark 9¼ 1989	[illegible]	100¼
ICI 8¾ 1982	[illegible]	100
Mexico 9 1982	[illegible]	100¼
National Westminster 8 1986	91¾	92¾
Sumitomo Metal Inds 8¾ 1983	[illegible]	100¼
Sun Int Fin 7¾ 1986	91	92
$ CONVERTIBLES	**Bid**	**Offer**
AMF 5 1987	[illegible]	65
American Ex 4¼ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	96	98
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	108	110
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1995	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden 5 1992	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden 6¾ 1991	104	106
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	71	73
Carnation 4 1988	66	68
Chevron 5 1992	98	100
Cummins 6¾ 1986	77	79
Dart 4¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	115¾	117¾
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fed Dept Stores 4¾ 1985	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford 5 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford 6 1986	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gillette 4¾ 1987	75	77
Gould 5 1987	86	88
General Electric 4¼ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gulf and Western 5 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Harris 5 1992	68	70
Honeywell 6 1986	78	80
ITT 4¾ 1987	[illegible]	70
J. R. McDermott 4¾ 1987	[illegible]	117¼
Jp Morgan 4¾ 1987	100	102
Nabisco 5¾ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Owens Illinois 4¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
J. C. Penney 4¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Revlon 4¾ 1987	[illegible]	101
Rank Org 4½ 1995	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	[illegible]	[illegible]
Squibb 4¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texaco 4¾ 1988	75	75
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	[illegible]	101
Warner Lambert 4¾ 1987	[illegible]	[illegible]
Xerox Corp 5 1988	77	79

DM=Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Leeds & Cty Cons seeks offers

Following approaches from outside parties interested in buying either the company's equity or the property it owns, Leeds & County Conservative Clubhouse, after talks with *Singer & Friedlander, is to* invite outline offers for the whole of the share capital. Documents, setting out some specific conditions, have been sent to the people interested. The L & C directors will *consider any outline offers* received.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar lost an early advance in European currency trading yesterday to close with net losses on the day. It scored initial technical gains following New York's closure on Tuesday. In addition, the indications that Fed chairman, Dr Burns, is moving towards support for New York City may have helped the rate, dealers said.

The pound, however, slipped 5 points against the dollar, to close at $2.0635, and its "effective rate" worsened from 29.3 to 29.4 per cent.

Gold dropped 75 cents an ounce to $143.50.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) November 12	Market rates (close) November 12
New York	$2.0605-0625	$2.0630-0640
Montreal	$2.0860-0910	[illegible]
Amsterdam	5.45-47fl	5.45-46fl
Brussels	[illegible]	[illegible]
Copenhagen	[illegible]	[illegible]
Frankfurt	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	[illegible]	[illegible]
Milan	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oslo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	9.02-05f	9.02-03f
Stockholm	9.00-04k	[illegible]
Tokyo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	5.43-45f	5.43-44f

Effective devaluation since December 21, 1971, [illegible] to 29.4 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	1.05-.95c prem	[illegible]
Montreal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amsterdam	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	[illegible]	[illegible]
Copenhagen	[illegible]	[illegible]
Frankfurt	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Milan	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oslo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	[illegible]	[illegible]

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), [illegible].
Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, [illegible]; seven days, [illegible]; one month, [illegible]; three months, [illegible]; six months, [illegible].

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $143.40 (an ounce); pm, [illegible].
Krugerrand (per coin): [illegible] (domestic); [illegible] (international).
Sovereigns (old), [illegible] (new) [illegible] (international).

Discount market

The Bank of England gave help to the discount market on a small scale yesterday, buying Treasury bills directly from the houses. Since there was eventually a swing in favour of the market on the financial flow through the Exchequer accounts, it looked, on the basis of identifiable factors, as though there should have been *ultimately* a small credit surplus during the session. But this did not *materialize.*

The market was in fact still tight at the finish, with rates closing over a band of 11¼ to 11½ per cent compared with an opening of 11 to 11¼.

Trading in Treasury bills was again a major feature of the day, with increasing conviction that the minimum lending rate will be cut to 11¾ from 12 per cent this Friday. The three-month bill was being sold at 11 1-32 per cent, well below the 11.2396 per cent of last Friday's Treasury bill rate.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 12% (last changed [illegible])
Clearing Banks Base Rate 11%
Discount Mkt Loans %: Overnight: Open [illegible] Close [illegible]; Week Fixed: [illegible]

Treasury Bills (Dis %): [illegible]

Prime Bank Bills (Dis %) / Trades (Dis %): [illegible]

Local Authority Bonds: [illegible]

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%): [illegible]

Local Authority Market (%): [illegible]

Interbank Market (%): [illegible]

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %): [illegible]

Finance House Base Rate 11½%

Commodities

COPPER was slightly easier.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £[illegible]; three months, £[illegible]. Sales, [illegible] tons. Cash cathodes, £[illegible]; three months, £[illegible]. Sales, [illegible] tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £[illegible]; three months, £[illegible]. Settlement, £[illegible]. Sales, [illegible] tons. Cash cathodes, £[illegible]; three months, £556-58.50. Settlement, £[illegible]. Sales, 325 tons.

SILVER.—The market was discouraged by declining United States gold [illegible].—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, [illegible]p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, [illegible]); three months, [illegible]p ([illegible]c); six months, [illegible]p ([illegible]c); one-year, [illegible]p ([illegible]c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, [illegible]p; three months, [illegible]p; seven months, [illegible]p. Sales, [illegible] lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, [illegible]p; three months, [illegible]p; seven months, [illegible]p. Settlement, 215.5p. Sales, [illegible] lots.

TIN.—Standard cash was £12.50 up while the three-month position rose [illegible].—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £[illegible] a metric ton; three months, £[illegible]. Sales, 420 tons. High grade, cash, £[illegible]; three months, £[illegible]. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £[illegible]; three months, £[illegible]. Settlement, £3,075. Sales, 470 tons. High grade, cash, £[illegible]; three months, £[illegible]. Settlement, £3,075. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, SM[illegible] a picul.

LEAD was quiet and steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £[illegible] a metric ton; three months, £[illegible]. Sales, [illegible] tons. Morning.—Cash, £[illegible]; three months, £172.50-73.00. Settlement, £[illegible]. Sales, 1800 tons.

ZINC was easier.—Afternoon.—Cash, £[illegible] a metric ton; three months, £357.50-58.00. Sales, 550 tons. Morning.—Cash, £[illegible]; three months, £346.50-47.30. Settlement, £[illegible]. Sales, [illegible] tons (mainly carries). Producers' price, £[illegible] a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was 60p down at £70.70 ($[illegible]) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was steady.—Dec, [illegible]p per kilo; Jan, 33.75-34.50p; Jan-March, 34.75-34.85p; April-June, 36.40-36.45p; July-Sept, 37.60-37.70p; Oct-Dec, 38.75-38.80p; Jan-March, 39.85-40.00p; April-June, 40.85-41.10p; July-Sept, 41.45-41.90p. Sales: 101 lots.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were irregular.—Spot, 32.75-34.00. Cifs, Dec, 30.85-31.05; Jan, 31.50-31.75.

COFFEE: In robustas nearby November fell £21 while January futures were £11 down. Arabicas were quiet.

ROBUSTAS.—Nov, £692-70 per metric ton; Jan, £698-99; March, £697-98; May, £697-98; July, £700-701; Sept, £703-704; Nov, £704-706. Sales, 202 lots including 12 options.

ARABICAS.—Dec, $86-87 per 50 kilos; Feb, $84.90-84.90; April $84.70-85; June, $85.10-85.40; Aug, $85.50-85.60; Oct, $86.30-86.40; Dec, $86-87. Sales, 25 lots.

COCOA was quiet and steady.—Dec, £[illegible] per metric ton; March, £[illegible]; May, £602.50-605; July, £594-95; Sept, £587-90; Dec, £[illegible]; March, £576-77. Sales, 1,365 lots including one option. ICO prices were not available owing to United States holiday.

SUGAR was steady. The London daily prices were unchanged: "raws" £160; "whites" £175.—Dec, £163.00-64.05 per long ton; March, £161.50-61.85; May, £161.35-61.40; Aug, £161-61.20; Oct, £160.25-60.35; Dec, £159.90-60.50; March, £158.40-60. Sales, 3,660 lots. ISA prices not available owing to United States holiday.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—Dec, £[illegible] per metric ton; Feb, £81.90-82.10; April, £85-85.20; June, £85.80-84.60; Aug, £84.80-85.10; Oct, £[illegible]. Sales, 89 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady.—Dec, 165-70p per kilo; March, 169-72p; May, 170-73.5p; July, 173-79p; Oct, 182.5-84.5p; Dec, 185-86p; March, 185-88p.

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Nov-Dec, £193 per long ton. "D" grade, Nov-Dec, £182. Calcutta was steady.—Indian, Oct-Nov, Rs450 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Daisee, Oct-Nov, Rs[illegible].

GRAIN (The Baltic).—*Imported grain* prices tended easier reflecting a lower overnight trend at Chicago but buying inquiry remained subdued and all sections were lifeless.

WHEAT.—United States dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: *Jan,* £[illegible]; Feb, £101 direct Tilbury. EEC feed: Nov, £65; Dec, £65.50 east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French: Nov, £65.25; Dec, £66.25; Jan, £67.25 trans-shipment east coast. South *African yellow:* Nov, £71.50; Dec, £7[illegible] nominal sellers United Kingdom. All per long ton cif United Kingdom unless stated.

BARLEY was unquoted.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was easy: Nov, £59.10; Jan, £61.50; March, £63.35; May, £64.90; Sept, £64.15. WHEAT was barely steady: Nov, £61.20; Jan, £63.00; March, £64.60; May, £66.35; Sept, £66.10.

MARK LANE: Business remained thin and prices showed little change. Small parcels of milling wheat traded to London area at £64 per long ton for Dec. and £68.50 for April-June delivery. Liverpool paid £69.50 for April-June. Denaturable wheat traded to London at £63 per long ton for Dec. The following are average sellers' quotations per long ton for delivery London area: Wheat, Hagberg, Nov, £64; Dec, £64.50. Denaturable, Nov, £63; Dec, £63.50. Barley feed, Dec, £63.

The Home-Grown Cereal Authority said that on location ex-farm spot prices there was insufficient business to warrant a report.

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 12: *UK: Cattle,* [illegible]p per live cwt ([illegible]); Sheep, [illegible]p per lb EDCW (+0.6); Pigs, £5.09 per score LW (+0.12). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 4.6 per cent, average price [illegible] (−0.11); Sheep numbers up 11.1 per cent, average price [illegible] (+0.5); Pig numbers up 8.7 per cent, average price 23.10 (+0.12). Scotland: Cattle numbers down 6.9 per cent, average price £21.66 (−0.[illegible]); Sheep numbers down 5.8 per cent, average price 57.2p (+2.1); No change in pigs numbers, average price £[illegible] (−0.05).

MEAT (Smithfield).

BEEF: Scotch killed sides, 33.0-37.[illegible] per lb; English hindquarters heavy, 38.0-40.0p; English forequarters, 27.5-28.5p; Ulster hindquarters, 38.0-40.0p; Ulster forequarters, 27.0-28.0p; Eire hindquarters, 35.0-39.0p; Eire forequarters, 27.[illegible]-28.0p.

VEAL: English bobbies, 14.0-16.0p; Scotch bobbies, 14.0-20.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 71.0-73.0p.

LAMB: English small, 30.5-38.0p; English medium, 30.0-35.0p; English heavy, 28.0-32.0p; Scotch medium, 30.0-34.0p; Scotch heavy, 28.0-32.0p; Scotch [illegible]; Imported frozen: NZ PL's, [illegible]; NZ's [illegible]; NZ YL's [illegible]; 28.5-30.0p.

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for the 28 weeks to September 20th 1975

	1975 £000	1974 £000	% change
*Turnover (inclusive of VAT)	275,971	230,913	+19·5%
Profit before taxation			
Retailing—Percentage margin 2·1% (1974 3·1%)	5,735	7,144	−19·7%
Associated Companies—Share of Profit	4	376	
	5,739	7,520	−23·7%
Taxation at 52% (1974 52%)	2,984	3,910	
Profit after taxation	2,755	3,610	−23·7%

*Turnover includes VAT of £4,282,000 (1974 £3,756,000)

Comments by the Chairman

Profits at this interim stage show a reduction on the first half of the previous year but they are nevertheless in line with our budget.

The increase in turnover is satisfactory considering that it was achieved in the face of understandable consumer resistance to the continued inflation in food prices and that it has to be compared with the exceptionally buoyant trade of the corresponding period last year.

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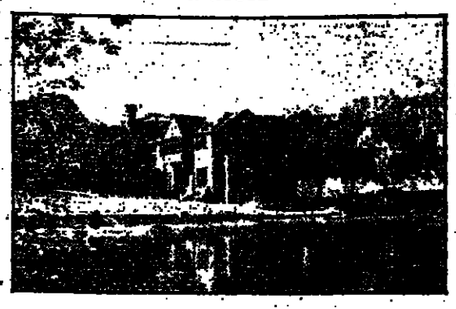

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£2,500

S.W.15

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Interviews in London.
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KNIGHTSBRIDGE. — International Company needs young tri... and efficient Secretary for ...eral Manager; unusual opportunity as vacancies here are few *far between.* £2,600 neg.—Centacom Staff, 235 Kensington High St., W.8, 937 6525, or Strand office, 836 2875.

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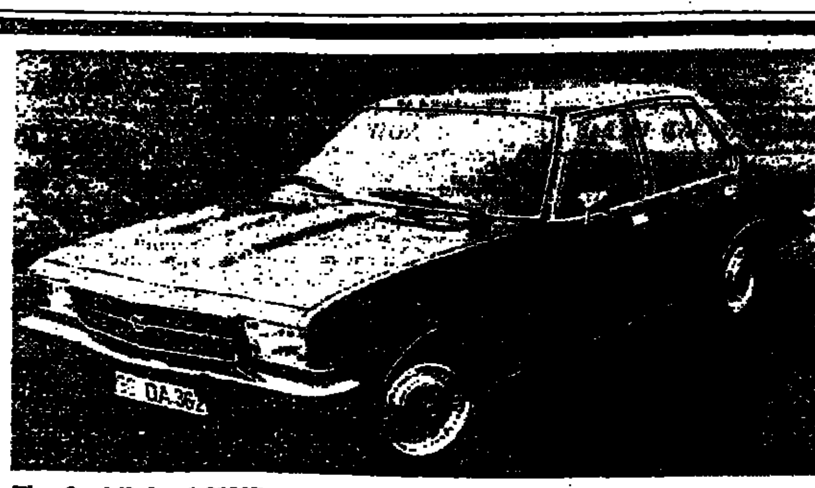

The Opel Rekord 2100D: so quiet at 70 mph it is hard to tell it is a diesel.

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...d not change their cars ...cedes saloons and Land- ...petrol-engine vehicles. ...correspondents is blind to ...ailings—modest perform- ...ise—but all speak highly ...ing costs and reliability, ...normous milages.

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...John Colebrook, Vicar of ... Andover, has also owned ...diesel from new. His 1969 ...0,000 miles on the clock, ...tle trouble, returns 38.25 ...has saved me more than

...by my suggestion that the ... available from stock in ...e diesel Land-Rover) ...ed as a car, Dr Anselm ...rodsham, Cheshire, wrote ...could be done to quiet ...hicle. They were so long ... it was worth investing ...ping, free-wheeling hubs ...pholstery. His long-wheel- ...wagon cruised at 50 mph ...l 33 mpg on a journey. ... He thought cut-price ...t easy to find, his motor- ...e now on the pre-Arab/ ...el.

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... of an ex-London diesel ...in FX4D, bought with a ...t in it at 10 years of age ...miles, were extolled by ... Lawrence, writing from ...und it ideal for taking ...dren and reported fuel ...of up to 35 mpg on long ...exceptionally resourceful ...W. M. Scott, of Brighton, ... a low-milage Vauxhall ...a most attractive price ...ep rise in petrol prices ...er and fitted it with a ...diesel.

...rmance is about the same ...e Peugeot and I am get- ...g, mainly on an 18-mile, ...untry commuting route", ...spoke for all who wrote ...d: "Those who drive ... are well aware of their lower power, but it is generally quite adequate for normal motoring."

That comment certainly applies to the latest diesel car I have tested, the Opel Rekord 2100D, with automatic transmission. In low hold it ran up to 35 mph, and in middle to 55 mph, before the governor cut in. At 70 mph it had at least another 10 mph in hand.

Consumption over 500 miles of city traffic, cross-country and motorway driving was 33 mpg. Other than rather more understeer than one expects of a Rekord, due to the extra weight on the front wheels, and an engine that growled rather than hummed, it felt a typically pleasant Opel. Several people who rode in the car expressed disbelief that it was a diesel.

The Rekord 2100D, which looks almost identical with the petrol-engine version except that it has a hump on the bonnet to accommodate the taller diesel engine, costs from £3,020 for a manual transmission standard saloon to £3,460 for the de luxe estate car. I found it a relaxing kind of car to drive and would recommend it to the high-milage motorist who is adult enough not to want to be first away from every set of traffic lights.

Sorting out complaints

Finishing touches are being put to the new consumer code covering the sales, servicing and repair of new and used cars, which has been worked out by Mr John Methven, Director-General of Fair Trading, in association with car manufacturers and the garage trade It is expected to contain benefits the motorist has not hitherto enjoyed, but in one important area, the settlement of disputes, it will draw heavily on an existing scheme.

This is the Investigation and Advisory Service of the Motor Agents' Association, which for some years has offered the motorist a means of resolving his complaint against a garage. Hitherto it has covered only servicing and repair work on used cars but Mr Methven is keen that it should be extended to new vehicles and include warranty claims. Whatever is finally decided, and we should know the details by Christmas, the office that administers the service is already being strengthened in anticipation of extra work.

At present the service is dealing with about 5,000 cases a year. To qualify complaints must be made within three months and concern a garage that belongs to the Motor Agents' Association. Since the association represents some 85 per cent of the garage trade, the chances are high.

In the first instance there is an attempt to solve the dispute by conciliation, and in the great majority of cases that is successful. But in the 200 cases a year where conciliation fails there is recourse to arbitration. Theoretically that is possible only if both sides agree but any garage that refuses will have to give the MAA a very good reason.

The cases are decided by an independent arbitrator, assisted by two technical advisers from the motor trade. His decision is legally enforceable. The great advantage of the system is that it is quick and cheap. Working purely from written evidence, the arbitrator can deal with perhaps a dozen cases in a morning and the cost to the unsuccessful party will be at most his £5.40 deposit. If cases went to court, where counsel would have to be briefed and witnesses called, a dispute over a £40 bill might easily cost £300 in legal fees.

Last week I watched the arbitration procedure in action. There was a batch of fairly typical disputes involving allegations of overcharging, bad workmanship, doing work that was not needed, failing to do jobs that were. I was struck by the overriding desire to be fair to both sides; by the often small sums involved; and by the fact that the motorist could be just as wrong as the garage. In fact the awards tend to break down fairly evenly.

The garage trade is often criticized, and rightly, for its repair and servicing standards, though my morning with the arbitrator reinforced the suspicion that trouble arises less through outright villainy than a failure to put the customer in the picture. Even written estimates, with the proviso that the motorist is consulted if further work proves necessary, and invoices that clearly show the breakdown of cost between parts and labour, could save a lot of misunderstanding.

If a motorist wants good service from his garage he must be prepared to pay the proper price. The trouble is that so many people in these inflationary times can barely afford to run and maintain a car and tend to choose the cheapest way out, false economy though it may prove in the long run.

Speed limits to stay

The temporary 50 mph and 60 mph speed limits, which apply respectively to single and dual carriageway roads (other than motorways) are to be renewed for another year at the end of the month. Announcing this in a Commons written reply yesterday, Mr Gilbert, Minister for Transport, produced figures which suggest that most motorists have been obeying the limits. Surveys carried out on roads where conditions allowed the limits to be exceeded, showed a 80 to 86 per cent compliance on single carriageways and a 79 to 82 per cent observance rate on dual carriageways. This was in contrast to the behaviour of motorway drivers, only 62 per cent of whom were found to be observing the 70 mph limit in surveys on the M3 and M4.

Mr Gilbert was unable to say how much fuel had been saved by the temporary limits, though petrol consumption in the first half of this year had been 3 to 4 per cent lower than during the same period of 1973 and he claimed that lower speeds had played their part.

Peter Waymark

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...GP play the omniscient? A continuing documentary series on ...features some diseases that have still got him beat (BBC1 10.15). ...ld, showing up our own ignorance as usual, takes its quiz to Scotland ...0). In Switch, a preposterous transatlantic pair chase crime in an ...way (BBC1 9.25). Take Two is winning attention as a chat show (ITV ... those RAF conscripts have gone sky high in popularity (ITV 8.30). ...elluloid varies from Abbott and Costello (ITV 4.25) to Guinness and ...C2 9.30). The inimitable Lord Thomson fills a lunchtime spot (ITV ...B.

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BBC 2

11.00-11.25 am, Play School. 6.15 pm, Open University: Use Your Head. 6.40, Avventura. 7.05, Open University: Vic Feather Lecture: Adult Education in an Industrial Society.
- 7.30 Newsday.
- 8.10 Explorers: Francisco Pizarro.
- 9.00 Spike Milligan in Q6.
- 9.30 Film: Tunes of Glory, with Alec Guinness, John Mills.
- 11.10 Film Night, with Lee J. Cobb.
- 11.35 Newsnight.
- 11.50-11.55, Martin Jarvis reads Autumn, by Vernon Scannell.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 4.25, The New Land. 5.15, Dodo. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.35, Film: Alex Dreier in Murdock's Gang. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Reports Action. 11.00, What the Papers Say. 11.20, Twilight Zone.* 11.45-12.20 am, The Challenging Sea.

HTV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 4.25, Lost in Space. 5.20, Help! 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.01, Report West. 6.18, Report Wales. 6.35, The Best in the West. 7.05, Thames. 10.30, Sea Canoeing. 11.00, Film: Ken Scott, Maria Landi and Trader Faulkner in The Murder Game.* 12.15 am, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion y Dydd. 4.25-4.50, Bie Yn y Byd. 4.55-5.20, King Kong. 6.01-6.18, Y Dydd. 6.35-7.05, Sports Arena. HTV WEST: As HTV except: 1.20-1.30 pm, West Headlines. 6.18-6.35, Sport West.

Westward

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 4.25, The Osmonds. 4.55, Woody Woodpecker. 5.20, University Challenge. 5.50, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, Thames. 10.30, Westward Report. 11.00, Sounding Brass. 11.30, Westward News. 11.33, West Country Job Finder. 11.38, Faith for Life.

Anglia

12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, Women of the Cellar. 1.00, News. 1.25, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 4.25, Romper Room. 4.55, Fantastic Voyage. 5.20, Supersonic. 5.50, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.20, Arena. 6.35, Thames. 10.30, Time Was... 11.15, Sounding Brass. 11.45, The Living Word.

Thames

12.00, Animal Kwackers. 12.10 pm, Hickory House. 12.30, Just Call Me Roy. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Couples. 3.00, Justice. 3.55, General Hospital. 4.25, Film: Buck Privates, with Abbott and Costello.*
- 5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
- 6.35 Crossroads.
- 7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man.
- 8.00 This Week. New York City: the year the money ran out.
- 8.30 Get Some In!
- 9.00 The Stars Look Down.
- 10.00 News.
- 10.30 Orson Welles Great Mysteries.
- 11.00 Take Two. Jealousy.
- 12.00 What the Papers Say.
- 12.15 am. Adoption: Judith Davis with Margaret Bramall, director, National Society of One-parent Families.

* Black and white.

Tyne Tees

12.00, Thames. 2.00 pm, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 4.25, The Lone Ranger. 4.50, The Partridge Family. 5.20, Supersonic. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today. 6.35, Thames. 11.00, The Northerners. 11.40, Epilogue.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 4.25 pm, Film: Clarence, the Cross-eyed Lion, with Marshall Thompson, Betsy Drake, Richard Haydn. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Space 1999. 8.00, Thames. 10.30-12.30 am, Film: Who's Been Sleeping in my Bed? with Dean Martin, Elizabeth Montgomery.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 4.25, The New Land. 5.20, Betty Boop. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.35, Survival. 7.00, Thames. 10.30, Your Men at Westminster. 11.00, Griff. 12.00, Southern News. 12.10 am, Weather. Guideline.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Thames. 4.25, The Flintstones. 4.50, Rainbow Country. 5.20, Babar. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, World Worth Keeping. 7.00, ATV. 8.00, Thames. 10.30, Fit to Last. 11.00, Late Call. 11.05-11.35, Dilemma: Enoch Powell.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Paul Burnett. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton.† 4.30, DLT. 5.45, Newsbeat. 6.02, Sam Costa. 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, Pop Score. 7.30, Folk 75.† 8.02, Folkweave.† 9.02, Wally Whyton's Country Club. 11.00, John Peel.† 12.00-12.05 am, News.
† Stereo.

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6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan.† 8.27, Racing Bulletin. 9.02, Pete Murray.† 10.30, Waggoners' Walk. 11.30, Jimmy Young. 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 4.30, Sports Desk. 4.45, Waggoners' Walk. 4.47, Sam Costa. 6.45, Sports Desk. 11.00, Don Durbridge. Radio 1. 12.00-12.05 am, News. (1,500m).

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7.00 am, News. 7.05, Handel, Mozart.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Suk, Martinu.† 9.00, News. Dvorak.† 9.05, The Court of Mannheim, Cannabich, Holzbauer, Carl Stamitz.† 9.45, Three Ways to Schubert. Lieder.† 10.30, Beethoven.† 10.55, The Breath of Magic. 11.25, Piano recital: Haydn.† 12.05 pm, Janacek.† 1.00, News. 1.05, Manchester Midday Concert: Albri's Bach, Schumann, Hollinger, Farnoghough, Rimann.† Hosner. 2.00, BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra: part 1: Grace Williams. Bach.† 2.35, Words ... R. W. Burchfield. 2.40, Concert, part 2: Dvorak.† 3.25, Southampton University Madrigal Society, Weelkes, Morley, Gibbons, Byrd.† 3.55, Concert Club: Brahms, Faure.† 5.25, Pied Piper.† 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, Foreign Correspondent. 6.50, Hawks and Doves. 7.30, Mendelssohn's Elijah, part 1.† 8.35, Talk. 8.55, Elijah, part 2.† 10.15, Imperfect Sympathies, an impression of Charles Lamb.† 11.15, Corelli.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News and more of Today. 8.00, News and more of Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Richard Baker. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, If You Think You've Got Problems! 11.50, Sounds Interesting. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, My Word! 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play, A Victim of Circumstances. 3.50, Jack De Manio. 4.35, Story. Summer of the Seals. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Just a Minute. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News. 7.30, Any Answers? 8.00, Pleasure and Prejudice. The novels of Jane Austen, discussion. 8.45, Analysis. The World's Economy. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: Overture and Beginners. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore Forecast.

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HARRISON-ALLEN.—On November 9, 1975, to Elizabeth (née Grey) and Hugh of Jolliffs Farm, Crymmych, Pembrokeshire — a daughter.

HILL-NORTEN.—On November 11th to Jenny and Nicholas—a son, brother for Simon and Claudia.

IRWIN.—On 11th November at Bradford-on-Avon, to Nicola and Alistair — a daughter (Mary-Rose).

PRICHARD JONES.—On 8th November, 1975, to Dagmar and Ken, Courtyard House, Warnham, Sussex—a son, brother for Sebastian.

WARREN.—On November 12th to Gillian and Michael—the blessing of a second daughter.

WILSON.—On Wednesday, November 5, to Margaret (née Mathias) and Rob—a son (Nicholas Robert).

WILSON.—On 23rd October, in Johannesburg, to Joanna (née Lareoy) and Garry—a boy (Callum).

YARMON.—On November 11th, in Edmonton, Alberta, to Antonia (née Barber) and Thomas Yarmon —a daughter.

BIRTHDAYS

WEBB. Nigel Kenneth Lambell is 21 today.

MARRIAGES

BRAMWELL : BECKET.—On November 12, in Cape Town, Edward Kennedy Bramwell to Beatrice Mary Becket, both now of Cape Town, South Africa.

BUCKLAND-WRIGHT : JAMES. — On 11th November, 1975, at Church of Our Lady, St John's Wood, Dr John Christopher Buckland-Wright, son of Mrs Mary Buckland-Wright, of Kew, and the late John Buckland-Wright, to Rosalin, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Kirk, of Hemel Hempstead.

DEATHS

BROCKLEBANK.—On 11th November, 1975, at the Knaresborough Nursing Home, London, Lucy Grace Brocklebank, aged 87 years, formerly of Marsham Court, Westminster, S.W.1, widow of Sir Edmund Brocklebank, much loved mother of Felicity Walker-Watson and grandmother of Colin and Martin. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Monday, 17th November at 2 p.m. Interment of ashes at St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Longbridge Deverill, near Warminster, Wilts, on Thursday, 20th November, at 11 a.m. Flowers may be sent to J. H. Kenyon Ltd, 49 Marloes Road, London, W.8.

FELIX.—On November 12, at his home at Gravenhurst, Bedford, Ernest, fond husband of Eva Winifred. Late chairman and managing director of Lye and Sons Ltd and R. Westley and Co Ltd, of Luton. Funeral at The Vale, Stopsley, Luton, at 11.30 am, 17th November. Please, no flowers, but donations to Royal National Life-boat Institution.

GEE.—On November 9th, peacefully at Rye, aged 90, Philip, beloved father of Philippa, Noel and Elizabeth. Funeral at Hastings Crematorium, Tuesday, November 18th, at 12 o'clock. Flowers to Ellis Bros., Rye.

DEATHS

GOODHEW.—On November 12th, [illegible], at home, after a long [illegible] borne, Rose [illegible], widow of her beloved [illegible] and adored mother of [illegible] and Victor. Funeral, [illegible] only, Friday, 14th November.

GRAY.—On Nov. 11th, 1975, [illegible], at St Helen's Hospital, Ipswich, Audrey Isabella of [illegible] Hollies, Holbrook, Suffolk, beloved wife of Stuart and mother of Veronica and Anthony. Funeral service on Monday, Nov. 17th at Ipswich Crematorium, at [illegible] p.m. Family flowers only.

GREEN, ELLA (née Finlayson), on November 12, suddenly, in hospital. Service Woking Crematorium, Monday, November 17, 11 a.m.

HAWKEY.—On November 11th, 1975, after a brief illness, Roger Pryce Hawkey (Baronet) of Great Coopers, Takeley, Essex, beloved husband of Mabel, father of Sally and dear brother of Dinah. No letters, please. Cremation private. Service of thanksgiving for his life to be announced later.

HILL.—On November 10th at The Priory, Rockbourne, Geoffrey Garrington, loved husband of Pam, father of Sue. Cremation service private. Memorial service St. Andrews, Rockbourne, Tuesday 18th, 2.30 p.m. Few local flowers only to Church for decoration.

HOLLINS.—On November 10th, 1975, Dr. Charles Hollins, dearly loved husband of Peggy. Cremation private. Memorial service St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, on Friday, November 21st, at 2.30 p.m.

JESSEL.—On 7th November, 1 day after her 5th birthday, at Battle Hospital, Reading, following a road accident on the M4, Sarah, dearly loved only child of Toby and Philippa Jessel and granddaughter of Dick and Winnie Jessel and of Harry and Kathleen Jepson. Funeral at Docal Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, Berkshire, 11.30 a.m., Monday, 17th November. Flowers may be sent to Lovegroves, 114 Oxford Road, Reading.

KAPSALIS.—On 10th November, 1975, John G. Kapsalis, of Hyver Farm, Barnet Gate, Barnet, aged 67. Beloved husband of Zena and devoted father of Rena, Michael and Katerina. Funeral service in the Greek Cathedral, Moscow Road, W.2, on Saturday, 15th November at 12 noon. Cut flowers to Messrs. John Hemp, Chepstow Place, W.2.

KENNERLEY.—On November 8, 1975, suddenly in hospital, Evelyn, dear sister of Susan Hyams and Juba and sister-in-law of Hannah. A devoted and much loved aunt of Jennifer, John Seamus and Don and great aunt of Penelope, Ralph, Belinda, Nicholas, Jessica and Ben. Will be greatly missed by all including her many friends in Twickenham and Selsey. Inquiries to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 01-723 5277.

LEADER.—On November 11th, 1975, peacefully, Bessie May (Betty), of 8 Woodland Avenue, Boscombe, Bournemouth, widow of Col Robert Ripley Leader. Cremation, Tuesday, November 18th, 10.00 am, at Bournemouth Crematorium. Inquiries to Deric Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth 34511.

LENG.—On 11th November, peacefully at home, Florence Margaret, aged 79, widow of Wilfrid and dearly loved mother of Tony, Don, Stan, Jack and Dick, and granny to her 14 grandchildren. Funeral, Monday, 17th November, at Enfield Crematorium at 3 p.m., assembling at 6 Broadstroud, Loughton, Essex, at 2 p.m. Flowers to Warriner and Sons, 32 Church Hill, Loughton, Essex.

LENOX. — Andrew James, on November 10th. Much loved husband of Sylvia, father to Mouse, Helen, Phoebe and David, after an incredibly courageous fight against leukemia. Special thanks to the staff at the Royal Marsden for their efficient and sympathetic care. Funeral service 10.45 a.m., Friday, 14th November, The Chapel in Green Lane Cemetery, Addlestone, Surrey.

MATHER.—On 10th Nov., 1975, peacefully at his home, 5 The Chantry, Upperton Rd., Eastbourne, Leonard William Mather, in his 84th year. Much loved Uncle and Godfather. Formerly partner in H. J. Symons & Co. Funeral service, Holy Trinity Church, Eastbourne, Sussex, on Wednesday, Nov. 19th, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation. Flowers to Haine & Son, 19 South St., Eastbourne.

ODEY.—On November 12th, in her own home, Holdgate Manor, Beverley, suddenly, Dorothy Christian, dearly loved wife of George and mother of Richard. Funeral service, Beverley Minster, Friday, November 14th, at 3.00 pm.

PEACOCKE.—On November 12, 1975, at home, after a long illness borne with great courage, Joseph Anthony (Tony) Peacocke, B.A., C.B.E., J.P., former Inspector General of the R.U.C. Leath House, South Cheriton, Templecombe, Somerset, a very dear husband of Maud. Service at Horsington Parish Church on Friday, November 14th, at 12.30 p.m., followed by cremation at Yeovil. Family flowers only.

PEARCE.—On November 12th, 1975, at his home, 17 Park Drive, Harrogate, Thomas Vibert Pearce, M.D., F.R.C.S., aged 75 years. Beloved husband of Jane and a loved father and grandfather. Service at St Wilfrid's Church, Harrogate, on Monday, November 17th at 11.15 a.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers please.

PICKTHORN.—On 12th November, at Rose Cottage, Orford, Suffolk, Sir Kenneth Pickthorn, Bt., P.C., aged 83, beloved husband of Nancy, father of Ann, Charles and Henry. Funeral 12 noon, Orford Church, Saturday, 15th November.

PLATT.—On Nov. 10, 1975, peacefully, at home, Leonard William Platt, dearly loved husband of Muriel and father of Margaret and Carol. Funeral service at Ruislip Methodist Church, Monday, Nov. 17th, at 1.40 p.m. Sprays only, or donations to Cancer Research Campaign.

ROGERS.—On November 6th, suddenly, Patience Muriel, of Knockbridge, Icklesham, much loved elder sister of Felicity and David and daughter of the late Colonel J. M. Rogers, of Riverhill, Sevenoaks. Funeral today at Icklesham Church at 2.15 pm, followed by private cremation. Please, no flowers, but donations, if desired, to Canine Defence League, 10 Seymour Street, W1.

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SAFFELL.—On 11th November, 1975, Frederick Horace, of Teak House, The Avenue, Branksome Park, Poole, aged 84 years, the dearly loved husband of Ruth. Funeral service at Bournemouth Crematorium, on Monday, November 17th, at 12 noon. Flowers to J. J. Allen Funeral Service, Seamoor Road, Westbourne, Bournemouth.

SHAW.—On 10 Nov., 1975, in a Barton-on-Sea rest home, Isabel Shaw, aged 96 years, wife of the late Col. W. S. J. Shaw, I.M.S., a beloved aunt. Cremation Bournemouth, Monday, 17 November, at 3.15 p.m. Family flowers only—no letters, please.

SIMPSON.—On 10th November, 1975, Dr A. R. Simpson, MA, BA, PhD, of The Old Manor, West End, Nailsea, Bristol, Avon, former headmaster of Harrow County Boys' School, Harrow, and former Rector of the High School, Arbroath, Scotland.

SPACKMAN.—On Nov. 11th, 1975, at King Edward 7th Hospital, Midhurst, Deg, dearly loved husband of Margaret and father of Caroline, Elizabeth and Sarah.

STEINMANN.—On November 11, 1975, peacefully in hospital, Norman, aged 67 years. Father of Peter and Hylton. Funeral private.

TYLER.—On November 10th, 1975, Leith Tyler, of Shelley Cottage, West Street, Marlow, widower of Ethel, in his 86th year. Cremation at 12.30 p.m. on Monday, November 17th, at Amersham Crematorium. Flowers and inquiries to Sawyer, West St., Marlow, Bucks.

VON RIEDEMANN.—On October 31st, in an accident on Alkali Lake, British Columbia, Martin, dearly loved husband of Rebecca.

WARREN.—On 10th November, 1975, peacefully, in his sleep after a short illness, Charles Vivian Warren, aged 68 years. Formerly of Golinda Group, Kegalle, Sri Lanka (Ceylon). Funeral at St Margaret's Church, Chipstead, Surrey, on Friday, November 14th, at 3.30 p.m. Flowers to church. Sadly missed by his family.

WRIGHT.—On 10th November, at Wellington, New Zealand, in her 90th year, Olive Wright, Headmistress of Camden Girls' School, London, 1917-1936.

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HEENAN.—H.E. Cardinal Heenan. The annual solemn requiem of the Latin Mass Society in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 17th November, at 2.30 p.m. is being offered with special regard to the repose of the soul of Cardinal Heenan who obtained the Indult for England and Wales from the Holy Father.

LEACH.—A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Peter John Leach will be held in St. Margaret's, Westminster on Wednesday, 17th December, 1975 at 12 noon. No tickets required.

PARKIN. Mr Reginald A. Parkin.—A service of thanksgiving has been arranged for November 20th at noon at the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall, Gresham St., London, E.C.2.

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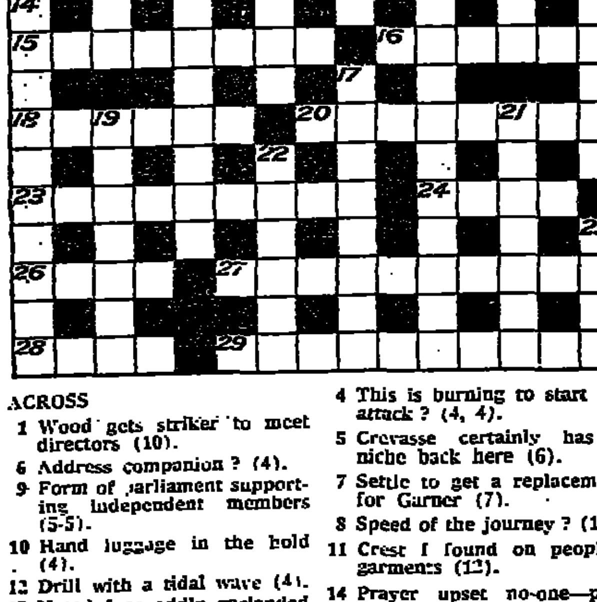


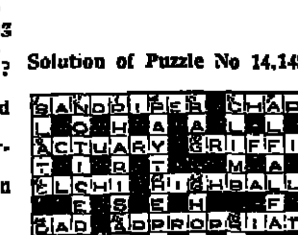
ACROSS

1 Wood gets striker to meet directors (10).
6 Address companion? (4).
9 Form of parliament supporting independent members (5-5).
10 Hand luggage in the hold (4).
12 Drill with a tidal wave (4).
13 Noted foes oddly garlanded (9).
15 Conducted opening of negotiations? (8).
16 Just the thing for the opposition (6).
18 Service dress (6).
20 Sort of airs once needed for a film (8).
23 Dance appears no bad one to many retired types (9).
24 Book introduces young Brown and his friend (4).
26 Island parson's position? (4).
27 Whither fortyniners rushed (10).
28 Nothing said of sister, perhaps (4).
29 One of those bounders in the services? (6-4).

DOWN

1 Number put on card—a club (4).
2 Doctor turns up in Stowe novel—single of course (7).
3 Johnson's lady friend breaks three hearts when about fifty (6, 6).
4 This is burning to start the attack? (4, 4).
5 Crevasse certainly has a niche back here (6).
7 Settle to get a replacement for Garner (7).
8 Speed of the journey? (10).
11 Crest I found on people's garments (12).
14 Prayer upset no-one—part of the service (10).
17 A sort of foot treatment? (8).
19 Tax one is able to meet in Rome (7).
21 A single Belgian city up in the country (7).
22 Medicinal decoction mixed in East (6).
25 The bird in the bar? (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 14,149



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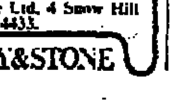

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